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Council lobbies for lower tax hike come 2013

Guideline. City council completes first step in determining 2013 tax rate and user fees

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City councillors whittled down a projected tax increase for 2013 on Wednesday, asking staff to bring back a budget in November based on a 5.5 per cent increase, instead of administration's initial proposal of 7.04 per cent.

Mayor Stephen Mandel

voted in favour of the guideline, but cautiously.

"There needs to be a real review of some of the things we do, whether or not we should be doing them and the cost to the city," he said. "We need to take a more critical look."

The reduction wasn't enough for councillors Bryan Anderson and Kerry Diotte, who did not vote in favour.

Diotte said the rates are not sustainable.

"They hurt the people who can least afford it," he said.

The 5.5 per cent includes 1.5 per cent for neighbourhood renewal, and could grow to 7.1 per cent should 1.6 per

By the numbers

5.5%

Council has directed administration to draft a 2013 operating budget within a 5.5 per cent tax increase.

cent worth of service packages be approved.

According to a report, revenue is forecasted to increase \$26 million in 2013, but expenses for wages, new infrastructure and inflation are projected to double that.

A draft budget will be delivered Nov. 14, followed by deliberations that will likely change the tax increase.

FACING JUSTICE

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An RCMP plane arrives in Edmonton from Abbotsford, B.C. on Wednesday and is believed to be transporting Travis Baumgartner. The 21-year-old man accused of killing three armoured vehicle guards and injuring another during a robbery at the University of Alberta is to appear before a judge in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tasty Edmonton

The city's yearly food festival is back — bigger than ever — with 42 restaurants represented

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Activism a risky business

Report shows that killings of environmental activists appear to be rising, reaching 106 last year

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Cleopatra, vampire killer?

Abe Lincoln hunts the undead in new movie, but other public figures could have been just as capable

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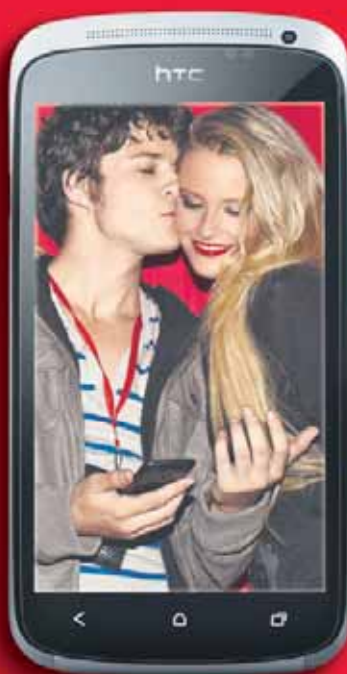
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Feedback. Albertans invited to chime in on team-based health care

Alberta Premier Alison Redford and her MLAs plan to fan out across the province this summer to take the pulse of what citizens want to see in team-based health care.

"This is the first point where we're going to say, 'Now let's take those (health-care) conversations and let's now think in specific communities about what that means, where the resources are, where the gaps are, and put family care clinics in place,'" Redford said Wednesday in Edmonton.

Her government is running three family-care clinics on a trial basis and has promised to set up 140 across Alberta.

The clinics use teams of professionals, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists and dietitians to deliver family-focused care and divert the flow of patients at crowded emergency wards.

The clinics will work with the 40 primary-care networks already in place.

Redford said her MLAs will speak to care providers and residents to learn the unique needs of each area.

"Access to primary health care must be the door to health care," said Redford.

Opposition NDP leader Brian Mason said he's skeptical about a process that begins and ends with politicians from one party.

"At some point we need to provide for public input in a non-political way in terms of what the needs are," said Mason. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Safety. Province says no ATV helmet law anytime soon

It has become a common tragedy in Alberta. An ATV rider flips his vehicle, and is killed or critically injured. This year alone, nine Albertans have been killed in quad accidents.

Yet, despite repeated calls for helmet laws and age restrictions, the provincial government has no intention of tightening the laws around ATVs.

"The minister has been pretty clear on this — the answer is no," said Parker Hogan, press secretary to Transportation Minister Ric McIver, when asked if there is any move towards legislating ATV use. "At this point, it is not deemed to be needed."

Dr. Richard Buckley disagrees. An orthopedic surgeon at the University of Calgary, Dr. Buckley has published a paper on ATV deaths and injuries in Alberta, and the numbers are disturbing.

Buckley found during a 10-year period, there were 459 cases of severe trauma from ATV accidents, and 79 (now 80) deaths. Males were at a much higher risk of injury than females, and the overwhelming majority of accidents occurred during recreational driving. The estimated cost to the health-care system was \$6.5 million. Two-thirds of the accidents happen while the driver is just out having fun.



Transportation minister Ric McIver has said there will be no new rules governing ATV use.

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"They're young, they're irresponsible, they're going too fast, in unstable vehicles, not wearing helmets, and they're drunk," said Buckley.

He thinks the government is opposed to helmet laws because of ATV lobby groups, and the potential cost to the government to enforcing a law.

Hogan says the government can't legislate what people do on private property, where most quading is done. While Buckley counters that a third of accidents happen on city streets, Hogan says it is up to municipalities to legislate helmet use.

MLA Dr. David Swann, whose own nephew was killed in an ATV accident last month while riding without a helmet, has called for mandatory helmet legislation.

MAURICE TOUGAS/METRO

Accused in armoured car murders in court today

HUB mall. Baumgartner returns to Edmonton after U.S. border crossing arrest

A 21-year-old man accused of killing three guards and injuring another during an armoured car heist is to appear Thursday in an Edmonton court where he will be charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

The Edmonton Police Service confirmed that Travis Baumgartner was escorted back to Alberta on Wednesday from British Columbia, where he had been held since being picked up at the border.

Police said he was processed and taken to the Edmonton Remand Centre.

Baumgartner will also be charged with four counts of robbery using a firearm.

Authorities initially would not confirm that Baumgartner had been returned when an RCMP plane landed at the downtown airport just before

The victims

- Eddie Rejano, 39, Michelle Shegelski, 26, and Brian Ilesic, 35, were shot to death at the university's HUB mall and residence. Rejano's funeral is Friday.
- Matthew Schuman, a fourth guard who was badly wounded, opened his eyes on the weekend and squeezed his wife's hand before he slipped back into unconsciousness.

2 p.m. MT and pulled into a hangar.

Three police cars, two with lights flashing and one with the windows blacked out, were then seen leaving the airport.

Baumgartner was being held in B.C. after he was arrested at a U.S. border crossing near Abbotsford on the weekend with \$330,000 in a backpack.

Police say Baumgartner



Travis Baumgartner is taken out of a van by Canadian Border Services officers at the Aldergrove, B.C., border crossing on Saturday.

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was one of five security guards working for G4S Canada who were loading a bank machine at the university just after midnight Friday when shots rang out.

Baumgartner is expected to be formally charged with three counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

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NEWS

On the web

He makes him wanna shout

One crazy fan took his love for fame (and video bombing) to a whole new level when he rudely interrupted Webb Simpson's interview after winning the 2012 U.S. Open. Go to metronews.ca to watch the now-infamous screech.

Mobile news



A new survey of young Canadians suggests many believe there are benefits to giving their credit cards an active workout, but they may be overlooking some of the consequences when it's time to pay up. Scan the code to read the story.



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The first man of Steele gets his due at history exhibit

Icon. Priceless Canadian memorabilia was stored in banana boxes



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He had a name right out of a comic book, and exploits for the history books.

From the founding of the RCMP, to the Riel Rebellion, to the Yukon Gold Rush, to the First World War — there was hardly a major event in Canadian history that did not feature a key role for Sam Steele.

"We've been calling him the Forest Gump of Canadian history," said Lynn McPherson, archivist of the first major exhibit devoted to a genuine Canadian hero, now open at Enterprise Square on Jasper Avenue. But unlike Gump, who stumbled into history, Sam Steele charged right in.

When he wasn't bringing law and order to the west, Steele was writing and collecting. After he died in Eng-

Going digital

- Every piece of the Sam Steele collection is in the process of being digitized by the U of A.

land in 1919, thousands of pieces of Sam Steele memorabilia went into storage, held by his descendants in 83 banana boxes, said U of A librarian Robert Desmarais.

His descendants sold the collection to the U of A for \$1.8 million.

The display, spread out over 12,000 square feet of floor space with graphics put up on 14,000 feet of walls, is just the tip of the iceberg of the Steele collection. It includes diaries, hundreds of photos, uniforms, weapons, and larger-than-life photographs, befitting a larger-than-life Canadian hero.

The exhibit runs until September. Admission rates apply.

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Enterprise Square on Jasper Avenue is hosting an exhibit on the life and times of Canadian hero, Sam Steele. MAURICE TOUGAS/METRO

Critics can't shoot down parade balloon float



John Smith with his creative crew at Artsmith in downtown Edmonton. MAURICE TOUGAS/METRO

If the scathing tabloid reviews bother him, John Smith doesn't show it.

Smith is the founder of Artsmith, the firm that designed Edmonton's unique balloon-centric parade float unveiled this week. A certain daily newspaper proclaimed the design "Balooney," referring to it as "an inflated monstrosity."

But after 25 years in the business, he can take a little flack.

Artsmith designed the 2010 Olympic series for the Alberta government, designed

everything including the medals for the World Master's Games, and the commemorative medallion for the province's 100th anniversary. They also worked with the Alberta Milk Producers, which Smith says gave them an insight into children. And children, after all, are the primary targets for the float.

"Children have reacted very well to the float, and that's what we want. We imagined ourselves at street level."

Smith says the one-dimensional drawing won't do

the float justice.

"I'm very confident that when it is actually built, people will be quite happy."

The criticism is just part of the game, he said.

"This is a public piece of art, which means everyone is allowed to have an opinion. We understand that. In the end, we're very proud of it."

He sees it as a "dramatic and cost-effective way of having a float."

Once deflated, it folds down and is easily transported.

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Golf balls. Hundreds of them are missing from Vegreville driving range

Vegreville RCMP are looking for a thief with a lot of balls. Golf balls, that is.

RCMP say that between June 5 and 18, someone stole about 400 golf balls from the driving range at Vegreville Kinsmen Golf Course by walking across a nearby field to gain access to the range and periodically steal the balls.

The balls are valued at \$600. **METRO**

By the numbers

400

The number of golf balls stolen from Vegreville Kinsmen Golf Course.

Enbridge pipeline reopens. Leaky pumping station stays shuttered

An Enbridge Inc. pipeline network that is the site of another northern Alberta oil spill has been reopened, but the pumping station that was the cause of the 230,000-litre leak remains shuttered.

The approval was granted Tuesday at about 11:45 p.m., said Darin Barter, spokesman for the Energy Resources Conservation Board, which regulates pipelines within Alberta.

The spill near Elk Point occurred because of a failed gasket. Enbridge must inspect all gaskets at other pumping stations on that pipeline, examine the pumping station within 30 days and file a quality assurance plan to the board for all similar gaskets, Barter said.

Barter said the leak occurred in a field and didn't get into any standing water or waterways. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Taste of Edmonton introduces new vendors, partnerships



Jay Wadsworth, of Lit Italian Wine Bar, prepares Caprese salad during the Taste of Edmonton media launch Wednesday. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Food fest. Yearly festival brings food, booze, entertainment to street



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It's that time of year again to flex your taste buds and get out your stretchiest pants — Taste of Edmonton is back and bigger than ever. Seven new vendors will join the roster, bringing the total restaurants represented up to 42. Along with the new vendors, food trucks will also be joining the foodie fray that will take place July 19 to 28 in Churchill Square.

"It's really grown from 28 years ago from when it was in the Shaw Conference Centre with just a handful of restaurants," said Giuseppe Albi, general manager of Events Edmonton.

Alex Kagel, sous chef for TziN Wine and Tapas, one of the new restaurants at the festival, said Taste will be a great opportunity for people to try out new food and get exposure to new businesses.

Fast food facts

- There will be 42 vendors, with seven newcomers.
- Food bloggers will be paired with chefs to compete in a cook-off.
- Menus are marked to designate food that contains nut, seafood and food that is celiac-friendly.

"It's a great opportunity to get our name out there. I'm sure people will enjoy it and come give it a try," he said.

Five food trucks will be parked in the square on a rotational basis to provide a changing variety to the event.

There will also be a new A Taste of Spirits at the festival this year and a number of events will happen in conjunction with Edmonton Race Week.

Tickets, still at \$1 each, are on sale now for 10 per cent off at Tix on the Square.

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South Edmonton

Man dies after being hit by CP train

A pedestrian is dead after being hit by a train in south Edmonton Wednesday morning.

Edmonton police say the 46-year-old man was struck and killed at the crossing near 99 Street and White-mud Drive after he tried

to duck under the crossing arms and push a shopping cart across the tracks. He was hit by a southbound CP train. Both EPS and CP police are investigating the incident.

Traffic on 51 Avenue east of Gateway Boulevard and traffic on the White-mud overpass on Calgary Trail was slow for much of the morning because of the collision. **METRO**

Edmonton City Centre

Wanted: Name for airport development

What should the community to be developed at the Edmonton City Centre Airport be called? That's the question at communityvote.ca.

Avia Park, Crossroads, Central Park, SolTown, The Landing and Wingfield were suggested by a consulting

group hired by the city, said Phil Sandes, executive director of the project.

History and heritage, family-oriented development, parks and long-term sustainability were provided as criteria, said Sandes, noting whatever is not chosen could be incorporated as titles of parks, plazas or public art.

Suggestions can also be made on the survey, live until June 29. **HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO**



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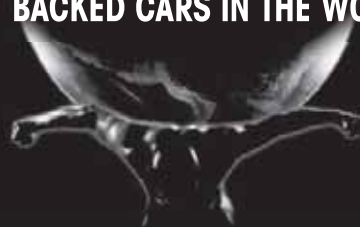
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Alleged abuse. Trial starts for man accused of beating priest

A U.S. man was abused by a priest as a child, but that doesn't mean he can beat the aging priest decades later, prosecutors said Wednesday as the trial of William Lynch began in San Jose, Calif.

Lynch, 44, is accused of beating the Rev. Jerold Lindner in 2010 in front of startled witnesses at a retirement home for priests. On the tape of an emergency call, the assailant can be heard yelling, "Turn yourself in or I'll (expletive) come back and kill you." Lindner has since recovered.

Lynch has said Lindner abused him and his brother during a camping trip in California. The brothers, who were seven and four at the time, were raped in the woods and forced to have oral sex with each other while Lindner watched, according to a civil lawsuit.

Lindner has been accused of abuse by nearly a dozen people, including his own sister and nieces and nephews, but was never criminally charged because the allegations were too old.

Lindner hung up Monday when The Associated Press called him for comment. He has previously denied abusing the Lynch boys and said in a deposition from the late 1990s that he didn't recall them. The brothers settled with the Jesuits of the California Province for \$625,000 in 1998.

Lynch is charged with felony counts of assault and elder abuse. He faces up to four years in prison if convicted on all charges.

Prosecutors began Wednesday by displaying a blown-up photograph of a bruised and bloodied Lindner slumped in a chair. They implored jurors to focus solely on the assault.

"The defendant beat this man up because he was angry and he wanted revenge," said Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorney Vicki Gemetti. "The defendant planned and executed a violent attack against the man who molested him 30 years ago."

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- The judge recently ruled that Lynch's lawyer can ask the priest about Lynch's allegations. If Lindner denies them, the lawyer can call up to three other witnesses who claim they were molested by Lindner as children, including Lynch's younger brother.

- Getting Lindner into court — even as a victim — has helped Lynch find peace of mind, he said.



Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Luka Magnotta is well known, but who is Eric Newman?

Less chronicled. After his not guilty plea Tuesday, Magnotta is in the spotlight he apparently desired

The world knows Luka Rocco Magnotta all too well.

His exploits, whether real or imagined, whether alleged by police or conjured up in his own mind, have been detailed by media outlets around the globe.

It appears the 29-year-old man accused of killing, dismembering and partially cannibalizing a Montreal university student wanted it that way.

Magnotta appeared to live much of his life online, using the Internet to cultivate a

Dozens of profiles

- Born Eric Clinton Newman on July 24, 1982, Magnotta shed his original identity with a name change in 2006.

- He has also gone by the aliases Vladimir Romanov and Jimmy, set up dozens of online usernames and maintained 70 Facebook pages and 20 websites, police said.

- A 1,200-word post by a Vladimir Romanov on a Psych Central 'I hate my mother' forum rants and rails against the poster's mom.

dark and twisted, yet sexual image.

It's an image that's likely here to stay now that he has been whisked back to Canada on charges including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

His pre-Magnotta life is far less chronicled online, but, perhaps unsurprisingly, he did seem to leave some clues.

Before he was accused of killing 33-year-old Jun Lin, suspected of posting video of the aftermath online and mailing body parts to political parties and schools, before a rumour surfaced that he dated Karla Homolka — a rumour many believe he started — and before a video was posted on YouTube showing a man suspected to be Magnotta killing kittens, he was just Eric Newman.

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U.S. woman convicted of directing husband's death

A U.S. woman was found guilty Wednesday of orchestrating the killings of her millionaire husband and his mother in a grab for the family estate.

A federal jury convicted Ecuador-born Nancy Novack on counts alleging she caused the 2009 beatings of Ben Novack Jr. in a New York City hotel room and Bernice Novack at her Florida home.

Ben Novack Jr.'s father built the storied Fontainebleau hotel in Miami Beach, a celebrity hangout in the 1950s and '60s that appeared in the movies Scarface and Goldfinger.

Novack and her brother, Ecuador-born Cristobal Veliz,

both were convicted of charges including racketeering, domestic violence, stalking, money laundering and witness tampering.

Both were acquitted of the charge of murder in aid of racketeering, which would have carried a mandatory life sentence. They still face sentences of up to life in prison. Sentencing is set for Nov. 1.

Prosecutors said Novack and Veliz were motivated by "jealousy, retribution and greed" when they hired the Miami thugs who carried out the killings. They said Novack feared that her husband, who was having an affair, would



Nancy Novack THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

divorce her and that a prenuptial agreement would bar her from the multimillion-dollar family estate.

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Immigration changes

New law to curtail deportation appeals

New legislation introduced Wednesday by the Conservative government gives greater powers to the immigration and public safety ministers to determine who gets to come and stay in Canada. The Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act seeks to cut off avenues for convicted criminals to appeal their deportation.

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Report leaked

PM's security detail thrust into spotlight

RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson decried Wednesday the leak of an internal report that raised concerns about the prime minister's security detail, calling it "unlawful."

And Paulson also conceded it might boil down to a case of payback against the officer in charge of the unit.

The leak of the manage-

ment report to Radio-Canada this week thrust a normally low-profile unit into the spotlight. Members of the prime minister's office past and present sprung to the defence of Supt. Bruno Saccomani, saying he had actually brought improvements to the unit.

The management review included interviews with 41 per cent of the 116-member unit, and said a majority of members reported problems with their boss, including intimidation and favouritism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Thailand deaths

Bodies of Canadian sisters released

The bodies of two Canadian sisters who died in Thailand are expected to arrive home Thursday, a relative said.

Their uncle said that because preliminary autopsies have already been completed, Thai medical authorities have agreed to release the bodies of Audrey and Noemi Belanger, who died under mysterious circumstances. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Khadr's legal team to urge transfer

Press conference.

Unlike Khadr's previous lawyers, current group has kept a low profile



Omar Khadr
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The federal government was sticking to its lines about the delayed transfer of convicted war criminal Omar Khadr from Guantanamo Bay on the eve of a Thursday news conference by his normally taciturn legal team.

Two months after an official request by the Americans to take Khadr off their hands, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said there was nothing new to say about the case.

"I've made no decision in that. I'll make a decision in due course, in accordance with the law."

That's been Ottawa's line ever since it became clear that the Americans were seeking to have the Toronto-born Khadr transferred to Canada to serve out the rest of his sentence.

Khadr, 25, pleaded guilty in October 2010 to war crimes committed in Afghanistan in 2002 as a 15-year-old — including murder, in violation of the rules of war.

In return for his plea before a widely maligned military commission, he was sentenced to eight years,

with one year to be served in Guantanamo Bay. He was eligible for transfer last October.

Earlier this year, sources said the transfer — in accordance with promises Ottawa made at the time of Khadr's plea bargain — was on track to happen by the end of May. That hasn't happened.

On Wednesday, Khadr's legal team — Canadian lawyers John Norris and Brydie Bethell, and his Pentagon-appointed lawyers Lt.-Col. Jon Jackson and Maj. Matthew Schwartz — announced they would hold a news conference in Ottawa to update the public on the delayed transfer.

They are to be joined by Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a long-time advocate for child soldiers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

RCMP Act. Top Mountie needs more disciplinary powers, minister says

The federal government wants to arm the RCMP commissioner with greater powers to discipline or even fire people who give the force a bad name.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews says there is too much red tape in the current process for weeding out wrongdoers.

"There's no doubt that changes are needed," he told a news conference, flanked by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

"The RCMP Act has not been significantly amended for over 25 years."

Toews announced proposed changes Wednesday, intended to untie Paulson's hands as he looks into complaints.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

Men have also complained of abusive behaviour and intimidation.

Paulson, who took over as commissioner late last year, says ridding the force of dark-hearted behaviour is one of his priorities.

He recently expressed frustration about the bureaucratic barriers to doing so.

The legislation introduced Wednesday — as the House of Commons prepared to rise for the summer — also includes measures to modernize the watchdog that handles public complaints about the RCMP and enhance transparency when Mounties themselves are under police investigation.

Toews said the RCMP's current disciplinary procedures are outdated and inefficient.

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Terror in Toulouse – again

Hostages saved.

French police storm bank in city where seven people were killed by terrorist gunman in March

A hostage-taking Wednesday left the French city of Toulouse traumatized for the second time in three months.

Police stormed a bank and captured a gunman who took four of its employees hostage.

Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March, when a gunman who claimed links to the al-Qaida terror network killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers.

That was France's worst terrorist attack in years, and led to a crackdown on

suspected Islamist radicals around France.

This time, officials waved off reports the latest suspect had ties to al-Qaida, saying he had psychiatric problems.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the gun, used twice during the six-hour ordeal, fired only rubber bullets, and the gunman had no police record.

The hostages were released unharmed, while the suspect was hospitalized with two bullet wounds in the left hand and left thigh.

Among those moved to safety in the area were four and five-year-old children from a private language school next to the bank.

The Prefect of the Haute-Garonne region, Henri-Michel Comet, said 150 police were mobilized, 30 of them from the elite GIPN squad.

Valet said during negotiations that the gunman wanted to advertise the religious motivation behind his act.

"The hostage-taker wants us to make it known that he is acting not for money, and that his motivations come from his religious conviction," Valet said.

He did not say what faith the gunman adheres to.

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Police secure the area after a gunman took four people hostage in a Toulouse bank Wednesday. BRUNO MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

City in fear

"I'm worried about the climate that reigns in this city."

Fearful Doriane Clermont, 23, who lives with her three-year-old son across the street from the bank.

Court ready to debate the state of Breivik's brain



Sane or insane? Anders Behring Breivik, left, is watched by two psychiatrists during his mass-murder trial. HEIKO JUNGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Do prosecutors think confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik is insane or not?

They're not saying — for now.

But "the decision has been made," prosecutor Svein Holden told reporters in Norway on Wednesday.

Closing arguments begin Thursday in a trial that has captivated Norway since the middle of April.

Ultimately, judges will decide Breivik's mental state when they hand down a ver-

dict in July or August.

Breivik, a self-described anti-Muslim militant, has admitted he carried out the bombing and shooting rampage that left 77 people dead in July, so guilt is not an issue.

The main issue is whether to send the 33-year-old Norwegian to a prison or a mental institution.

Weeks of fractious testimony from mental-health experts suggest it's a complicated decision — and Breivik's behaviour in court has not made it any easier.

At the end of Wednesday's Oslo hearing, Breivik complained not enough attention was given to his suffering at seeing Norway become a multicultural society.

"This case is about Norway's future, and Europe's future, and these were themes they should have addressed," he said.

He added it was "a traumatic experience ... to be stigmatized as a narrow-minded Islamophobe and a right-wing extremist."

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Pivotal week

Prosecutors will present their views on Breivik's mental state on Thursday. The defence will get its chance Friday.

- **Panel.** The five judges have at least a month to deliberate before delivering a verdict.
- **Jail.** If found sane, Breivik faces a 21-year term.

Pilot's friend?

French man with 9-11 tie arrested in Pakistan

Pakistan has arrested a French man reportedly linked to one of the masterminds of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Naamen Meziche was captured in a raid in the Baluchistan region near the border with Iran, officials said.

Reports say Meziche was a friend of Mohammed Atta, who piloted American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Civilians killed

U.S. dodging drone questions, UN official says

A United Nations human rights expert accused the U.S. government Wednesday of sidestepping his questions on its use of armed drones to carry out targeted killings overseas.

Christof Heyns, the UN's independent investigator on extrajudicial killings, had asked the United States to lay out the legal basis and accountability procedures for the use of armed drones.

He also wanted the U.S.

to publish figures on the number of civilians killed in drone strikes against suspected terror leaders in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and elsewhere.

Heyns said in Geneva on Wednesday he was still waiting for a satisfactory reply.

"I don't think we have the full answer to the legal framework, we certainly don't have the answer to the accountability issues," he told reporters.

The U.S. use of armed drones has provoked anger abroad, particularly in Pakistan, where human rights groups say innocent people have been among the victims of the strikes.

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Pentagon. Anti-Islamic rhetoric blamed on bad judgment, poor oversight

Poor judgment and poor oversight led to the teaching of anti-Islamic material at a U.S. military school for officers, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Some of the material suggested the U.S. ultimately might have to obliterate the Islamic holy cities of Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia without regard for civilian deaths.

Materials in a course for military officers at Joint Forces Staff College in Virginia portrayed the U.S. as at war with Islam. U.S. officials repeatedly say the war is against terrorists.

An Army lieutenant colonel who taught the class has been relieved of his teaching duties, but investigators recommended reviewing the actions of two civilian officials at the school to see if they also should face discipline, the Defence Department said in a statement. A second military officer will receive counselling.

The teacher, Lt. Col. Mat-

thew Dooley, had suggested that the Geneva Convention, which guides behaviour toward prisoners, was "no longer relevant" and that Muslims "hate everything you stand for."

The Pentagon suspended the course in late April when a student objected. The FBI also changed some agent training last year after discovering that its curriculum, too, was critical of Islam.

The new findings come from a report sought by chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Gen. Martin Dempsey.

He had ordered all service branches to review their training to ensure that other courses don't use anti-Islamic material.

The report itself has not been released, but the conclusions were described by Dempsey's spokesman, Marine Col. Dave Lapan, in a written statement to the media and in a conversation with reporters.

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Pollution rife in Rio+20 host city

Eco issues. Attendees of the UN conference will witness a city struggling with sustainability

The throngs streaming into Rio for a sustainable development conference may be dreaming of white-sand beaches and clear, blue waters, but what they are first likely to notice as they leave the airport is not the salty tang of ocean in the breeze, but the stench of raw sewage.

That's because the airport sits by a bay that absorbs about 1.2 billion litres of raw wastewater a day: 480 Olympic swimming pools worth of filth.

The United Nations Environment Program warned this month that the planet's environmental systems "are being pushed towards their biophysical limits," and for the 50,000 visitors from 190



A child ties his raft to a tree by the polluted Jacarepagua lake, near the conference centre where the Rio+20 conference is taking place in Rio de Janeiro. VICTOR R. CAIVANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

countries streaming in for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, the welcome here is a rank reminder of just how hard it will be to balance economic growth and environmental protection elsewhere across the globe.

"Rio, the host city, has

a range of urban problems: air and water pollution, social exclusion, water supply," said Carlos Bocuhy, who heads the Brazilian Institute of Environmental Protection. "We are facing the possibility of collapse if we don't change course."

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This is progress?

Earth stats, then and now

Since world leaders last gathered in Rio de Janeiro to talk about the state of the Earth in 1992, much has changed:

Temperatures: The average annual global temperature has increased 0.32 degrees Celsius since 1992 based on 10-year running averages, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Pollution: Global levels of the chief heat-trapping gas, carbon dioxide, climbed 10 per cent from nearly 358 parts per million in April 1992 to 394 ppm this past April, NOAA said.

Disasters: Since 1992, natural disasters have affected 4.4 billion people worldwide, killed 1.3 million people, and cost \$2 trillion in damages, according to the United Nations.

Forests: Since 1990, the world's primary forest areas have decreased by about 300 million hectares, according to the UN.

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Problems still exist, Japan's nuclear utility admits



A demonstrator holds a sign during an anti-nuclear rally in Tokyo on Saturday. ITSUO INOUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The operator of the Japanese nuclear plant devastated by last year's tsunami issued a final report on the disaster Wednesday, outlining organizational and communication problems that have not yet been resolved.

The report by Tokyo Electric Power Co. comes as Japan prepares to restart its first nuclear reactors since the March 11, 2011, disaster led to a prolonged shutdown of all of the country's atomic generating plants.

While many Japanese remain deeply concerned about the safety of nuclear power, the restart raises operators' hopes that more reactors can resume opera-

tions.

The massive tsunami severely damaged four reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant north of Tokyo, knocking out cooling systems and triggering meltdowns and radiation leaks. Tens of thousands of people fled their homes in the worst atomic disaster since Chernobyl.

Officials say the plant has since stabilized, but it runs on makeshift equipment, causing concerns about its ability to withstand any major earthquakes.

TEPCO Vice-President Masao Yamazaki, who headed its probe of the disaster, acknowledged that the

company had repeatedly underestimated the risk of a tsunami, despite predictions in recent years that such earthquake-generated waves could jump over sea walls protecting reactors. Officials clung to optimistic views instead of taking the side of safety, he said.

"We must admit that our tsunami anticipation was too optimistic, and our insufficient preparations for a tsunami were the fundamental cause of the accident," Yamazaki told a news conference.

Wednesday's report provided an incomplete picture of the accident because of the difficulty of inspecting

the inside of the melted reactors.

The company promised to make the best use of the findings to improve safety at its still-functional reactors, which it hopes to restart quickly as it struggles to finance astronomical compensation costs.

But it said the shortcomings disclosed in the report, both in hardware and crisis management, are still unresolved and need more improvement.

It said further efforts are needed to foster flexibility among plant workers and establish a solid line of communication during crises.

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Baby beluga

Whale calf rescued in Alaska

A beluga whale calf, believed to have been separated from his mother during a storm, has been rescued from Alaska's Bristol Bay.

The calf, estimated at 2 to 3 days old when it was found Monday, was taken in by the Alaska Sealife Center after attempts by others to encourage the calf to the open ocean failed.

This is the first beluga the centre has housed.

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Southern Alberta

Fracking protester's charges stayed

The Crown has stayed a charge against a woman involved in a protest against fracking on the Blood reserve in southern Alberta.

Lois Frank was arrested last September and charged with intimidation for standing in front of trucks from Murphy Oil.

Fracking is a controversial technique in which a mix of water, sand and chemicals is pumped deep inside underground rock formations to free gas and oil.

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New course

Manitoba schools to teach eco-literacy

Grade 12 students in Manitoba will soon be offered a new course on the environment. Premier Greg Selinger says the class will be called Global Issues — Citizenship and Sustainability.

He says it will teach students about ecological issues and ethics and will encourage them to become involved in the democratic process.

Selinger made the announcement at the UN conference on sustainable development in Brazil.

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WikiLeaks. Assange takes refuge in Ecuador mission

Julian Assange has spent years on the move, trying to keep ahead of authorities who want to stop his secret-spilling mission.

Now the WikiLeaks founder finds himself confined in the surprising setting of Ecuador's London embassy, where he was holed up Wednesday while diplomats discussed his fate and British police waited outside to arrest him if he leaves.

Assange is seeking political asylum in the South American nation, in a dramatic bid to avoid extradition to Sweden for questioning about alleged sex crimes. His supporters say he fears charges in the United

States for leaking hundreds of thousands of secret U.S. documents. But some legal experts say it is a desperate and likely futile move.

"He knows he's reached the end of the road in the U.K. He knows he's going to be extradited to Sweden," said Alex Carlile, a senior British lawyer with expertise in extradition matters. "Basically, he has nowhere to go."

The 40-year-old Australian landed himself in legal limbo Tuesday when he took refuge in the embassy a few doors down from the Harrods department store.

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Police stand outside the Ecuadorian embassy in London on Wednesday.

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Russia

Espionage ruling

A Russian court on Wednesday convicted two professors of a St. Petersburg university of handing over missile secrets to China, the latest in a string of espionage cases that reflected underlying tensions between Moscow and Beijing despite declarations of co-operation and friendship.

The St. Petersburg City Court found Yevgeny Afanasyev and Svyatoslav Bobyshev guilty of treason and sentenced them to 12½ and 12 years in prison respectively, according to the Interfax news agency.

The two professors of St. Petersburg's Baltic State Technological University were accused of selling confidential information related to Russia's latest ballistic missile.

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Feminist punk rockers get month more in jail

Russia. Thousands sign petition urging Orthodox Church to forgive three-member band for 'punk prayer' against Putin

A group of feminist punk rockers must remain behind bars as police investigate them for chanting a "punk prayer" against Russian President Vladimir Putin from a church pulpit, a court ruled Wednesday.

The decision angered the band's supporters and drew condemnation from a top German human rights official.

Five members of Pussy Riot — wearing brightly coloured homemade ski masks and miniskirts — briefly seized the pulpit of Moscow's main Orthodox church, the Christ the Savior Cathedral, in February and chanted "Mother Mary, drive Putin away."

A video of the performance posted on the Internet shows churchgoers gazing on astonished as the women chant, high-kick and dance around the pulpit, and then appear to bow and bless themselves as security arrives to remove them.

Three band members — Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 23, Maria Alekhina, 24, and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 29 — were arrested and face up to seven years in jail on hooliganism charges.

An investigator petitioned to keep them in prison while the police probe continues, and on Wednesday, a Tagansky dis-



Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, member of Pussy Riot, waves to supporters in court. MISHA JAPARIDZE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

trict court judge ruled the three will remain held until July 24.

Their cause and the Russian Orthodox Church's harsh response have provoked public outcry.

Pussy Riot gained notoriety in January for performing a song taunting Putin — who was then prime minister — from a spot on Red Square used in czarist Russia for announcing government decrees. Videos of their performances became instant Internet hits.

The band's "punk prayer" took place two weeks before March's presidential vote.

Putin won a third presidential term despite a wave of massive protests against his rule.

The church says the women deserve to be prosecuted for their "blasphemous" performance from a place near the altar that no lay persons are allowed to enter.

Attorneys for the band members argued that they should be released because they have young children.

The German government's human rights commissioner, Markus Loening, said he was "dismayed" by the decision to extend the band

Supporters detained

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Outside the court building, police detained 20 people as dozens of the band's supporters whistled in unison, chanted anti-Kremlin slogans and clashed with Orthodox activists who called on the band members "to repent."

members' custody. "This decision is clearly directed against freedom of opinion and artistic freedom and ... absolutely disproportionate," Loening said.

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Uruguay high on selling pot

Legislation. Reports say a bill to legalize marijuana sales to registered users will be presented to Congress

Uruguay's government apparently plans to take a step beyond legalizing marijuana: It wants to sell it.

Local news media cited unnamed ruling-party lawmakers saying that the government planned to send a bill to Congress on Wednesday that would legalize marijuana sales as a crime-fighting measure. Only the government would be allowed to sell the marijuana cigarettes, and only to adults registered as users.

Uruguay's presidency did not immediately confirm the report, but told The Associated Press in an email statement that an official announcement later could include "the marijuana issue."

Uruguayan newspaper reports about the bill said that people who use more than a limited number of marijuana cigarettes would have to

Quoted

"This measure should be accompanied by efforts to get young people off drugs."

Ruling party Sen. Monica Xavier

undergo drug rehabilitation and that money from taxes on the cigarettes would go to rehabilitating addicts. The idea is to weaken crime by removing profits from drug dealers and diverting users from harder drugs.

"This measure should be accompanied by efforts to get young people off drugs," ruling party Sen. Monica Xavier told channel 12 local TV.

Uruguay is among the safest countries in Latin America but recent gang shootouts and rising cocaine seizures have raised security concerns and taken a toll on the already dipping popularity of leftist President Jose Mujica. The Interior Ministry says from January to May, the number of homicides jumped to 133 from 76 in the same period last year.

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Uruguayan law

There are no laws against marijuana use in Uruguay.

- Possession of the drug for personal use has never been criminalized

- A 1974 law gives judges discretion to determine if the amount of marijuana found on a suspect is for legal personal use or for illegal dealing



Steamy air mass calls for a fire hydrant shower

Four-year-old Solaris Arias, of Providence, R.I., right, jumps through water spraying from an open fire hydrant on Wednesday. Much of the state remained under a heat advisory Wednesday afternoon because of the steamy air mass that has moved into the region resulting in temperatures in the high 30s. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bolivia. Drones aid in locating cocaine labs

Bolivia's top anti-drug official is crediting Brazilian reconnaissance drones for a series of recent blows against the cocaine trade.

Felipe Caceres does not provide details about the unmanned aerial vehicles other than to say they are Israeli-made, patrol the border and also enter Bolivian airspace.

Bolivian police say they destroyed more than 240 drug labs early this month in the eastern lowlands state of Santa Cruz, which borders Brazil.

Brazil became an important drug-fighting ally for Bolivia after the latter kicked out U.S. drug agents in 2008.

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Poll. Mexicans still back battle vs. drug traffickers

A new survey finds that eight of 10 Mexicans support the military crackdown against drug traffickers launched in 2006.

The poll released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center finds that 80 per cent of those questioned support the army's active role in the fight.

Still, most also worry about human rights violations by

the military and police: About 74 per cent saying that's a big problem.

The survey by the Washington-based centre is based on face-to-face interviews with 1,200 Mexicans from across the country between March 20 and April 2. The error rate is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

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Wildfire

Greek firefighter dies battling blaze in an air force base

A Greek firefighter died Wednesday while helping to battle a large wildfire inside an air force base west of Athens, authorities say.

A fire department statement said the 28-year-old felt unwell and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Greek air force spokes-

man Constantinos Grapsas said the blaze is not endangering installations at the Elefsina base — primarily used by firefighting and transport planes.

Grapsas said 40 fire engines, seven water-dropping aircraft, one helicopter and 160 firefighters are battling the blaze.

Meanwhile, two firefighters were hospitalized after being injured while battling a separate fire in Salamis, an island off the southern port of Piraeus.

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Suicide bombing

Three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans killed

Pentagon officials say as many as three U.S. troops and 15 Afghans may have been killed in a suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan.

Officials spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday because details of the incident were sketchy and the officials weren't

authorized to talk about it publicly.

Early reports from Afghans said a car packed with explosives rammed into vehicles in an international military convoy.

But U.S. Defence Department officials say it's not clear whether it was a convoy.

A suicide vest is suspected to have been used.

While the Americans believed killed were all military, U.S. officials say the Afghans were security and civilian. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Greek PM to uphold euro bailout commitments



Greece's newly sworn-in Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, centre, waves to supporters in Athens on Wednesday. KOSTAS TSIIRONIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New government for Greece. Conservative party chief sworn in as prime minister leading a three-party coalition

Greek conservative party head Antonis Samaras was sworn in as prime minister Wednesday at the helm of a three-party coalition that will uphold the country's international bailout commitments.

The move ends a protracted political crisis that had cast grave doubt over the country's future in Europe's joint currency and threatened to plunge the continent deeper into a financial crisis with global repercussions.

But the new government still has massive challenges

ahead: It must deliver on pledges by its predecessors to generate huge new savings, privatize publicly owned companies and real estate, cut about 150,000 civil service jobs in coming years and open restricted professions to competition.

Samaras, a U.S.-educated 61-year-old economist, was sworn in three days after his New Democracy party won the second national elections in six weeks but without enough votes to form a government on its own. He is Greece's fourth prime minister in eight months.

The conservatives will join forces with the socialist PASOK party, which came in third place, and the smaller Democratic Left led by Fotis Kouvelis. Discussions on the lineup of ministers were to be completed by Wednesday.

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Fraud allegations. Delay in announcing winner of Egyptian election

Egyptian election officials delayed the announcement of the winner of Egypt's presidential election, which had been expected Thursday, and gave no date for a decision, hiking tension as allegations of fraud swirled and each candidate declared he was the victor.

Amid the atmosphere of political confusion, the Muslim Brotherhood claimed there was an organized campaign of allegations against it to mar the election and keep its candidate, Mohammed

Morsi, out of the presidency. The accusation raises temperatures and the possibility of a backlash from the Brotherhood if its rival — former prime minister Ahmed Shafiq — is declared the winner.

On top of the potentially explosive dispute over the election is murkiness over the latest health scare of the 84-year-old former dictator Hosni Mubarak. State media reported that he suffered a stroke. Mubarak was ousted last year and is now in jail.

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Do Not Kill registry mocks U.S. drone-strikes list

In the crosshairs.

Website creator raises questions about U.S. foreign policy and human-rights abuses

How do you ensure your name doesn't mistakenly land on U.S. President Barack Obama's list of people to be captured or killed by a drone strike? Add yourself

to the Do Not Kill registry, of course.

As controversy over Obama's recently exposed official "kill list" and expanding drone program spreads, a satirical website has launched a registry to "help(s) give people around the world the peace of mind urgently needed during these times of escalating drone conflict."

The "National Agency for Ethical Drone-Human Inter-

actions," identified on the website as the group behind the initiative, launched the Do Not Kill registry as a way to "avoid accidental casualties in our mission to make the world a safe place for Democracy and Free Enterprise."

The registry does not guarantee your safety, however, only that an "additional review process will be undertaken before you are labeled an enemy militant and added

to the national kill list," according to the site.

Yes, it's a spoof.

But Ian Alan Paul, the 27-year-old University of California PhD student behind the website, said he hoped the site would highlight the controversial use of military drones in warfare — what he called an "egregious violation of human dignity and rights."

A New York Times exposé published in late May



An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

revealed that Obama personally presides over "kill lists," evaluating targets and ap-

proving strikes, in his country's drone war on terrorist groups. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Op. Fast and Furious

Invoking executive privilege, Obama prevents disclosure

Republicans escalated a high-profile clash with President Barack Obama in a case of a botched gun-running investigation by voting Wednesday to hold his Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt for failing to turn over Justice Department documents.

The vote followed a decision by Obama earlier in the day to assert the rarely-used presidential power of executive privilege for the first time in his administration in order to protect the confidentiality of the documents.

The committee wants documents that explain how the department learned of problems with the Operation Fast and Furious probe along the Mexican border. But Obama decided to withhold them.

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Cape Canaveral

Top-secret satellite launched in Florida

The Air Force has launched a rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying a top-secret satellite for the United States.

The unmanned Atlas V rocket lifted off Wednesday morning. On board was a satellite belonging to the National Reconnaissance Office.

The NROL-38 satellite is the first of three critical missions scheduled to launch within the next two months.

A launch attempt Monday failed and was delayed two days following replacement of an environmental-control-system duct that failed near its connection to a mobile-launch platform.

For security reasons, officials refused to provide any further details of the satellite, its mission or whether it reached orbit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



When East meets West

Prince Charles receives His Holiness the Dalai Lama at Clarence House on Wednesday in London. The exiled Buddhist Tibetan leader is taking part in a week-long tour of the United Kingdom.

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Sticking up for environment a deadly practice

Report. Killings of environmentalists appear to be rising as conflict over shrinking resources intensifies

The eulogies called Chut Wutty one of the few remaining activists in Cambodia brave enough to fight massive illegal deforestation by the powerful. The environ-

mental watchdog was shot by a military policeman in April as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

Nisio Gomes was the chief of a Brazilian tribe struggling to protect its land from ranchers. Masked men gunned him down in November; His body, quickly dragged into a pickup, has not been seen since.

Around the world, sticking up for the environment can be deadly, and it appears

By the numbers

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Killings have occurred in at least 34 countries, from Brazil to Egypt, and in both developing and developed nations, according to an Associated Press review of data and interviews.

to be getting deadlier.

People who track killings of activists say the numbers have risen dramatically in the last three years.

Improved reporting may

be one reason, they caution, but they also believe the rising death toll is a consequence of intensifying battles over dwindling supplies of natural resources, particular-

ly in Latin America and Asia.

A report released Tuesday by the London-based Global Witness said more than 700 people — more than one a week — died in the decade ending 2011 “defending their human rights or the rights of others related to the environment, specifically land and forests.”

They were killed, the environmental investigation group says, during protests or investigations into min-

ing, logging, intensive agriculture, hydropower dams, urban development and wildlife poaching.

The death toll reached 96 in 2010 and 106 last year, said the report, which was released as world leaders gathered in Rio de Janeiro for a conference on sustainable development.

The report's annual totals for the six prior years range from 37 in 2004 to 64 in 2008.

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A long-awaited honour

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, looks up as she arrives in a procession at an award ceremony at Oxford University in England on Wednesday. The leader of Myanmar's opposition is being honoured at the university's Encaenia ceremony, where it presents honorary degrees to distinguished people. Suu Kyi, who is making her first visits outside of her native country in 24 years, was awarded the honorary doctorate in civil law in 1993, but was unable to collect it because she was under house arrest in Myanmar. **LEFTERIS PITRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

1996 killing. Former butcher executed for murder in Mississippi

Mississippi has executed a former grocery store butcher for dismembering a man and raping a woman he locked in a metal box.

Authorities say 49-year-old Gary Carl Simmons Jr. was pronounced dead at 6:16 p.m. Wednesday. He was convicted of the Aug. 12, 1996 killing of Jeffery Wolfe, who was shot, dismembered and his body parts scattered in a bayou.

Simmons was also con-

victed of kidnapping and raping Wolfe's female friend and sentenced to two life terms on those charges. He was the sixth Mississippi inmate executed this year.

Simmons' former brother-in-law, Timothy Milano, also was convicted of killing Wolfe, who drove to Mississippi from Houston with the woman to collect a drug debt. Milano received a life sentence.

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Chinese dissident kept away from court



Ai Weiwei, second from left, is stopped by a plainclothes policeman while he argues with another policeman, foreground, outside his home in Beijing on Wednesday. ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intimidation campaign. Outspoken artist Ai Weiwei can't attend hearing on his lawsuit against tax authorities

Police barred artist Ai Weiwei from a hearing on his company's lawsuit against Beijing tax authorities and blocked filming at the courthouse Wednesday as part of an intimidation campaign against the outspoken government critic.

Ai told reporters that police had ordered him to stay away from the court, and that he complied.

Chinese authorities detained Ai for three months last year and his design company was ordered to pay about \$2.4 million worth of back taxes and fines, in a penalty interpreted by activists as punishment for

his criticism of the authoritarian government.

The company has appealed the fine and separately filed a lawsuit that accuses the tax bureau of violating laws in handling witnesses, evidence and company accounts in the case. To the surprise of many, the lawsuit was accepted.

Ai's wife, Lu Qing, who is the legal representative of his design company, attended the hearing. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The artist

- Ai Weiwei is a sculptor, photographer and installation artist who has increasingly used his art and online profile to draw attention to injustices in Chinese society and the need for greater transparency and rule of law.

Bahrain. Boy, 11, remains behind bars over charges of joining illegal gathering

A Bahrain court on Wednesday delayed a verdict in the case of an 11-year-old boy accused of taking part in anti-government protests. The new date for a ruling is July 5.

The sixth-grade student, who was in court alongside his father, spent a month behind bars and took his final school exams there. The boy, Ali Hasan, faces charges of joining an illegal gathering and other claims related to the unrest in the troubled Gulf nation. Defence lawyer Shahzalan Khamis has asked the court to drop the charges.

The boy is one of the youngest suspects detained in crackdowns on protests led by Bahrain's Shiite majority, which seeks a greater political voice from the ruling Sunni dynasty.

The government on Wednesday defended its handling of the Hasan case. It said an investigation concluded the youngster was arrested for blocking a road in June and was held in police custody for only six hours. He was in juvenile detention for the next month.



A man rides his bicycle past a row of burning tires set by Bahraini anti-government protesters in the eastern island of Sitra, Bahrain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It also insisted there has been no "intentional focus" to arrest children in the anti-government protests. The government statement said the numbers of children in its juvenile detention centre has averaged around 15 since the beginning of the year. It said in most cases, children remain there only for several weeks, with the most serious offenders staying for a year. More than 50 people have died in Bahrain's upheavals since February 2011.

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Debt dispute

U.S. businessman trapped in China

A Missouri man involved in a business dispute has been stuck in China for five months after the Chinese government refused to let him leave.

The Chinese government forced Steve Fleischli of Labadie, Mo., to surrender his passport in a dispute over his company's unpaid debt to Chinese firms. Complicating matters is that he has lost his job since going to China on business in January. The State Department declined comment on his case, but its website says there is little it can do to intervene on behalf of Americans in situations like Fleischli's, which can take years to resolve.

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But they told me to!

Man sentenced for killing priests

A Colombian judge has sentenced a man to more than 40 years in prison for murdering two Bogota priests who allegedly paid him to end their lives.

Gilberto Penate had confessed to shooting to death Roman Catholic Revs. Rafael Reatiga and Richard Piffano in early 2011 and making it appear like a robbery. Prosecutors say Reatiga was suffering from AIDS and syphilis and prosecutors determined that the priests had paid Penate and another gunman \$8,400 US to kill them. Penate said when he met with Reatiga to discuss arrangements for the killings, the priest was in distress. Prosecutors said Reatiga had been seen in gay bars. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Experts question science behind 9-11 cancer fund

Fallout. Influx of new beneficiaries could lessen payouts for victims suffering from asthma, lung disease

Call it compassionate, even political. But ... scientific? Several experts say there's no hard evidence to support the U.S. federal government's declaration this month that

50 kinds of cancer could be caused by exposure to World Trade Center dust.

The decision could help hundreds of people get payouts from a multibillion-dollar World Trade Center health fund to repay those ailing after they breathed in toxic dust created by the collapsing twin towers in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

Many workers laboured in the ash wearing only flimsy paper masks, and went home coughing up black phlegm

Reaction

"To imagine there is strong evidence about any cancer resulting from 9-11 is naive..."

Biostatistics professor Donald Berry of Texas MD Cancer Center in Houston
On the validity of new federal funding for 9-11 victims suffering from cancer

with some still experiencing mild respiratory problems years later.

But scientists say there is

little research to prove that exposure to the toxic dust plume caused even one kind of cancer. And many acknowledge the payouts to cancer patients could take money away from those suffering from illnesses more definitively linked to Sept. 11, like asthma and some types of lung disease.

Yet this month, Dr. John Howard, who heads the federal agency that researches workplace illnesses, added scores of common and rare

cancers to a list that had previously included just 12 ailments caused by dust exposure.

Lung, skin, breast and thyroid cancer were among those added; of the most common types of cancer, only prostate cancer was excluded.

Several factors about the decision by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health raised eyebrows in the scientific community.

Even lawyers for the first responders were stunned: They had expected to see only certain blood and respiratory cancers put on the list.

In late 2010, Congress set up two programs for anyone exposed to the rubble, smoke and dust at ground zero: res-



Reggie Hilaire of the NYPD developed cancer in the years following his job searching for human remains from ground zero.

SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cue and cleanup workers and others who worked or lived in the area. Cancer was initially excluded, but Congress ordered periodic reviews based on the latest scientific evidence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A mammoth move

Status of Toronto Zoo elephants still up in the air

Toronto Zoo staff finally got a look Wednesday at some records that had held up the transfer of three elephants to a U.S. sanctuary.

But it's unclear when — or even if — zoo officials will sign off on the plan, which has the support of city council.

Arrangements for the move came to a halt this spring when the PAWS facility would not turn over medical records for its animals. Both sides met

Wednesday to review the documents, but the group representing PAWS in Toronto says the decision won't come just yet.

Even if the plan is approved, Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada says the elephants can't be moved until late summer because of scheduling issues.

Woodyer says there is only one plane in the world that is both large enough to hold the elephants and manned by people with experience in moving live animals.

Animal activist Bob Barker has promised to pay \$880,000 for a plane to fly the elephants to their new home. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Separating conjoined twins

Indian mother Maya Yadav holds her one-year-old conjoined twin daughters Stuti and Aradhna at the Mission hospital in Betul district of Madhya Pradesh, India, on Wednesday. A team of 34 medical experts from India and abroad have begun the surgical procedure to separate the twins, according to local news reports.

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Archaeologists find rare mammoth field in Serbia

Digging it. Pit can help shed light on what life was like in the Balkans during the ice age

Long stretch

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Miomir Korac said the mammoth field stretches over some 20 acres of sandy terrain.

First there was one. Then another. And another.

Archaeologists in Serbia say they have discovered a rare mammoth field containing the remains of at least five of the giant beasts that lived here tens of thousands of years ago.

The discovery last week at the Kostolac coal mine, east of the Serbian capital of Belgrade, is the first of its kind in the region. It could offer important insight into the ice age in the Balkans, said Miomir Korac, from Serbia's Archaeology Institute.

"There are millions of mammoth fragments in the world, but they are rarely so accessible for exploration," he told The Associated Press.

"A mammoth field can offer incredible information ... on what life looked like in these areas during the ice age."

The remains were found during coal excavation about 20 metres below ground.

In 2009, a well-preserved skeleton of a much older mammoth was found at the same site. Vika — as the female skeleton was dubbed — is up to one million years old and belonged to the largely furless, so-called southern mammoth.

The bones discovered last month likely belong to the so-called woolly mammoth, which disappeared some 10,000 years ago, said Sanja Alaburic, a mammoth expert from Serbia's Museum of Natural History.

Alaburic explained that "this discovery is interesting because, unusually, there are many bones in one place," probably brought there by torrential waters.

Korac said Serbian archae-



In this photo taken Tuesday, Miomir Korac, director of the Viminacium archaeological park, left, works on a mammoth tusk at a coal mine with other archaeologists in Kostolac, Serbia, 80 kilometres east of Belgrade. MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ologists already have contacted colleagues in France and Germany for consultation.

He said at least six months of work will be needed before

all the bones are unearthed.

Another mammoth skeleton was discovered in northern Serbia in 1996. It belonged to a female mammoth

that lived about 500,000 years ago and is now on display in the town of Kikinda, near the Hungarian border.

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Kayakers' discovery

Home may be floating among tsunami debris

Kayakers exploring remote beaches of Washington state for debris from last year's Japan tsunami say they believe they have found part of a house, along with pieces of a washing machine, laundry hamper and child's toilet bowl. Three kayakers with the Ikkatsu Project wrote in a report this week that they found the remnants June 12, about 193 kilometres west of Seattle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illegal dig

Italians to get back ancient jug

The Toledo Museum of Art says it will return an ancient water jug to Italy that investigators believe was probably illegally dug up from that country years ago. The 2,500-year-old water vessel, or kalpis, has been on display at the Ohio museum since 1982, when it was purchased from an antiquities dealer in Switzerland.

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Home, sweet home for a six-year-old: An Islamabad slum

A six-year-old Afghan refugee named Haleema Metawell watches other children play outside her home in a slum on the outskirts of Islamabad, Pakistan, on Wednesday — World Refugee Day. The Pakistan government and the United Nations refugee agency reached an agreement in 2009 to allow some 1.7 million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan to continue sheltering there until at least 2012. But thousands of them still live without electricity, running water and other basic services. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Invisible’ kids facing high risks

World Refugee Day warning. No birth certificate, no papers ... so they're ripe for exploitation, aid worker says

Standing on a New Delhi rail platform, veteran Canadian aid worker Rosemary McCarney watched an incredible scene.

Child stowaways, some as young as seven, were spilling off trains, after riding the rails from rural villages, and were about to disappear into the slums of India's capital, where they'd go to work picking garbage — or worse.

“My team in India says if we don't get to them in eight days, they're trafficked,” recalled McCarney, the head of aid agency Plan Canada.

As World Refugee Day came and went on Wednes-

day, one of the world's most overlooked problems was highlighted: The growing plight of undocumented, “invisible” children.

Many of the kids McCarney saw likely had no identity papers because they were never registered at birth — a situation playing out in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Undocumented children are vulnerable to a wide range of exploitation, said McCarney, from being forced into becoming child soldiers, sex workers or cheap labourers.

Plan Canada launched its Universal Birth Registration campaign in 2005.

Since then, it has helped register 40 million people in 32 countries, but still 51 million children a year are still not registered at birth.

It means tough times reuniting a child with their family if they do manage to flee an abusive situation.

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B.C. Teen uses iPod to get help during home invasion

Some high-tech hocus-pocus helped a quick-thinking teen in Kelowna, B.C., call for help without ever making a sound.

The 14-year-old was home alone on Tuesday morning when a trio of thieves broke in as he was getting ready for school.

RCMP say the youth grabbed his iPod and retreated into a closet as the robbers went through the house.

Investigators say the teen couldn't call for help, but he could text, so he fired off a message to a friend and described the danger.

The friend called the boy's grandfather, who raced to the home, arriving just ahead of police and catching one of the alleged crooks red handed.

Mounties are now searching for two other men in the break-in. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

B.C. coast

Chopper saves stranded kayakers

Three kayakers stranded on a steep rocky shoreline have been hoisted to safety by the crew of a search-and-rescue helicopter.

The Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria says the kayakers were paddling the shoreline near Estevan Point, B.C. All three men were uninjured and flown back to their campsite. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Consumer protection

Lending laws breached: Group

Consumer Protection BC says Edmonton-based Cash Store Financial Inc. has been ordered to pay \$6,200 in administrative penalties for violating the province's payday lending laws.

Allegations include failing to include licence numbers in representation and failing to include the expiry dates for issued cash cards. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



A man rests under trees at Corus Quay in Toronto on Wednesday as temperatures hit the low 30s C, with the humidex in the mid-40s.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Central Canada bakes in heat wave

Weather. Ontario power system keeping up with electricity demand: Energy minister

Smog added to the misery in southern Ontario on Wednesday as a wide swath of Central Canada sweated out the second straight day of scorching weather.

The hot spell coming in from the U.S. has pushed the mercury from southwestern Ontario through to Quebec City to the low 30s, but it feels more like 40 C or more due to soaring humidex values,

Environment Canada said. Cooler air is forecast to drop temperatures down into the 20s starting Friday.

A smog advisory was in effect from Windsor to Kingston, Ont., and special heat alerts or heat warnings were issued in several municipalities across the region, including Toronto, where cooling centres were opened for people vulnerable to hot temperatures.

Children, seniors and those with disabilities and chronic illnesses are most at risk during hot weather like this, said Paul Buttery, environmental health specialist for Lambton County in southwestern Ontario.

Lambton County and the City of Sarnia had eight designated areas for people to take refuge from the heat, though Buttery said he hadn't heard of a jump in the number of people seeking emergency help for heat exhaustion, which can occur after several days of exposure to hot weather.

The danger is heightened in areas under a smog alert.

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Quoted

"The important thing to remember is: I've got (a life) to live, I still have to do things, just try to do it smarter."

Ted Bowdway, smog expert with the Ontario Medical Association, on his philosophy for avoiding heat-induced health complications.

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U.S. Federal Reserve

Fed extends 'Twist' program with \$267B

The U.S. Federal Reserve acted Wednesday to lift an economy held back by a weakened job market, extending a program designed to spur borrowing and spending through lower long-term U.S. interest rates. After a two-day meeting, the Fed said in a statement that it will continue a program called Operation Twist through year's end. Under the program, the Fed has been selling \$400 billion US in short-term Treasuries since September and buying longer-term Treasuries. It said it will extend the program through December using \$267 billion in securities. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

RIM shares down as job cuts start in bid to save \$1B

Research in Motion.

Analyst estimates BlackBerry maker could cut 3,000 employees — after 2,000 cuts last year

BlackBerry-maker Research in Motion Ltd. has begun the grim task of cutting jobs in a bid to save \$1 billion as part of a plan to stabilize the company as it races to bring its new models to market later this year. The company said Wednesday that it's looking for at least \$1 billion in savings by the end of its 2013 financial year and job cuts are part of that plan.

RIM — which did not provide specific numbers regarding the cuts — is expected to provide a business update

Offices

In addition to its main base in Waterloo, Ont., RIM also has a customer-service centre in Halifax that services users in Canada, the U.S. and South America.

- Other smaller offices are based in Mississauga, Ont., and Ottawa where they have been combined with staff of QNX Software Systems, the company that designed the operating system behind the PlayBook and the next generation of BlackBerry devices.

when it reports its first-quarter results on June 28.

Wedbush Securities analyst Scott Sutherland estimated that RIM could cut as many as 3,000 employees

in its bid to reduce costs, which would top last year's cut of around 2,000.

"I think RIM is finally making the hard decisions," he said.

"It is a tough time for them, but they need to ensure profitability, speed to market, and get these new devices out."

Sutherland said much is riding on a new line of BlackBerry phones powered by the BlackBerry 10 operating system, which are expected later this year.

Advance estimates on how many jobs would be lost ranged wildly from 2,000, or about 12 per cent of the workforce, to 5,000, or about 30 per cent.

Last July, RIM laid off about 11 per cent of its workforce, or 2,000 employees, marking the biggest employee reduction in its history.

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Burger King goes public, again

Burger King Corp. CEO Bernardo Hees, right, talks with specialist Donald Himpele on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday after the world's No. 2 hamburger chain began trading as a public company again under the ticker symbol "BKW." The Miami-based chain had last traded as a public company between 2006 and 2010, before it was purchased and taken private by investment firm 3G Capital. **RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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FROM: Conservative party headquarters
TO: All MPs
SUBJECT: Email etiquette
Dear MPs,

As you've probably heard, we had an email faux pas this week when the immigration minister hit "reply all" on an email, making this the most open and transparent this government has ever been.

Jason Kenney meant to call Alberta's deputy premier a "complete and utter Albertan" but — wouldn't you know it? — auto-correct or spell-check or some darn thing changed it to a different A-word. I won't say which one, but let's just say it's not as clean as the oilsands (officially).

While as a Canadian majority government we can technically do whatever we want, it's important to remember some of the basic rules of email etiquette to better facilitate relationships and to make our day-to-day jobs easier.

The basics:

- Always use a pleasant greeting and closing. If you are a federal minister, try to steer clear of the A-bomb.
- Address your contact with the proper level of formality. If they are the deputy premier of a major province, go with "Mr. Jerkface."
- Writing in all caps, adding italics or writing "!!!" does not make your point any more forceful. However, if you DO ALL THREE??? I think the impact speaks for itself.

Spam and scam:

- Be wary of spam, especially emails that seem out of character for the sender. Porn links from the Saudi family, for instance, are almost certainly spam unless it's from Deputy Minister of Defence Khalid bin Sultan. Dude is off the hook.
- Make sure you're not accidentally deleting emails from the Spam-meat headquarters in Burlington, Ont. Once, we didn't reply to their emails for months and we missed a picnic invite.
- It's unacceptable to send corny or tasteless jokes in weird fonts and tell people to pass it on. That's what Facebook is for.

International relations:

- Always respond promptly to Nigerian princes. They're royalty, for goodness sake, and they need your help.
- Done properly, a nod to an foreign associate's culture can be well received. (E.g., "Congratulations on your son's marriage. UOL!" The UOL stands for ululating out loud.)
- "Please!" and "Thank you!" go a long way when lecturing other countries about how to run their economies.
- Finally, remember that even the tensest diplomatic exchange can be livened up with Comic Sans.

Hopefully this brief refresher course helped! Please forward this to five other people in your office by midnight or you will never find true love.

Also, if you have anything to say about Kenney, please hit "reply to sender" only.

Many thanks,
Conservative Party of Canada



Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney has apologized to Alberta Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk for his comment. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Germany — the missing piece



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Russia-Germany

Putting the puzzle together

People put together a jigsaw puzzle of a self-portrait of German artist Albrecht Durer in front of the state historical museum and a monument to Soviet-era Marshal Georgy Zhukov in Manezh Square outside the Kremlin in Moscow on Wednesday. The 300-square-metre puzzle is being set up on the occasion of the German Year in Russia.

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Celebration

- The joint exhibition Germans and Russians — 1,000 Years of History, Art, and Culture, is the highlight of the opening of the German Year in Russia.
- On the German side, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation is in charge of the exhibition, which will be shown at the Neues Museum in Berlin starting in October in connection with the beginning of the Russia Year in Germany.

Countries collaborating

"The projects, which have been jointly conceived by Russian and German partners, place a high value on co-operation and exchange."

Minister of State Cornelia Pieper, in a statement regarding the collaboration between Germany and Russia.

Cost

€3.6M

This year's German Year programming is funded with 3.6 million euros (\$4.7 million) from public funds.



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Scene in brief

Mulroney says Good Morning

One of Canada's best-known TV personalities is joining the weekend edition of Good Morning America. ABC says Ben Mulroney will begin appearing on the New York-based series this Saturday. That's in addition to his ongoing role as co-anchor of CTV's entertainment show eTalk. The job follows Mulroney's two recent appearances as co-host of the morning talk show Live! with Kelly Ripa. Those stints marked Mulroney's first broadcasting gigs in front of a U.S. audience. In a release, ABC News president Ben Sherwood calls Mulroney "a terrific broadcaster" who is "quick on his feet and excels at live television."

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On the web



Jacksons prepare 16-city tour without brother Michael, three years after his death

Long weekend party.

From musicians to street performers, there is lots to do at this year's events



JENNIFER LARAWAY
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Let's face it: Canada Day really is the long weekend that kicks off summer thanks to the usually favourable forecast. Naturally, that puts most of us in a predicament: head out of town for the weekend or take in all the celebrations around the city?

This year, you can get the best of both worlds by driving less than 20 minutes west of the city to Spruce Grove. On June 29, the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre is celebrating its 10th anniversary and they have a jam packed day of activities that will perk the interest of everyone in the family.

"We've been planning this day for months," says Rob Svarich, Manager of Programs, Marketing and Events. "We start as early as 6 a.m. with our fitness extravaganza, which is mini-samples of the classes we offer at the TLC. That runs right into the evening. But, we also have activities in nearly every recreational space available, including our parking lot."

Svarich goes on to say the agenda for the day includes a N.A.I.T. Oaks street hockey skill competition, family fun zone on the indoor soccer field, public skating, and spontaneous challenges such as a cannonball



Juno-nominated country music singer Shane Yellowbird will be performing at the long weekend celebrations. HANDOUT

contest in the pool.

In celebration of the milestone event, admission to the facility is only \$2.

A full schedule of the events are available online at trileisure.com.

If that wasn't enough, the

Canada Day weekend festivities continue throughout the weekend in Edmonton's backyard community with the opening of Jubilee Park on July 1.

Juno-nominated country musician Shane Yellowbird is performing. Plus, Metro has the

inside scoop on one of the best kept secrets.

Many of the street performers working the crowds during Spruce Grove's Canada Day celebrations are the very same ones who draw thousands of people to Edmonton's city cen-

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Emma Stone, The Amazing Spider-Man

Despite the inherent creepiness of Jim Carrey's infamous video valentine to Stone, his sordid soliloquy is still endemic of the hormonal effect this raspy-voiced firecracker summons up: "I just wanted to let you know that I think you're all the way beautiful. Not just pretty, but, you know, smart and kind-hearted. And if I were a lot younger, I would marry you, and we would have chubby little freckled faced kids. We'd laugh all day long."



Kate Beckinsale, Total Recall

At times it's hard to tell who has a bigger crush on this gorgeous Brit: the Underworld fanboys who lapped up all four iterations of the vampires vs werewolves race war or Hollywood hotshots. With Beckinsale by his side in a fetching white strapless number at the 2012 Golden Globes while presenting an award, comedian Seth Rogen couldn't help himself. "Hello, I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection," he quipped, clearly not reading off the teleprompter.



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Anne Hathaway, The Dark Knight Rises

After catapulting into the spotlight with the Princess Diaries series, the fresh-faced ingenue eventually shed her Disney training wheels and navigated toward more mature and complex characters in Brokeback Mountain and Love and Other Drugs. Hathaway is bound to get the temperature rising when she fills out the figure-hugging Catwoman suit, taking the torch from Halle Berry, Michelle Pfeiffer and all the other smoldering actresses that have caught a bad case of cat scratch fever in Gotham City.



Nikolette Noel, The Expendables 2

When a film has more testosterone than a cellblock at San Quentin you need a lights-out looker to represent womankind. This time out, we lose Mickey Rourke and Steve Austin, but alongside Stallone, Statham, Li, Lundgren, Couture and company are Schwarzenegger and Willis in full-on roles, and Chuck Norris and Jean Claude Van Damme. The daughter of a Hungarian model, this is Noel's highest profile role to date. She plays wife to Liam Hemsworth and no doubt will draw the eye of every other dude.



7 babes of summer

Mila Kunis, Ted

Mila's it-girl factor has risen meteorically since her days on That 70s Show. Recent risqué roles in Black Swan and Friends with Benefits catapulted her into the Top 10 rankings on practically every "Sexiest Women on the Planet" list in the last couple years. Yet becoming one of the most desired leading ladies in the business has not messed with her head. Last July, a sergeant stationed in Afghanistan made a video asking her out on a date to a Marine Corps Ball with him, and Kunis took him up on the offer.



Rihanna, Battleship

The green-eyed songstress is a remarkably appropriate choice for this \$200 million reimagining of the naval war game Milton Bradley originally conceived in 1931. Whenever the need arises the Barbadian beauty can always open her Umbrella to shield herself from an incoming plastic peg. And if the aliens sink her team's submarine (What? You thought the movie would just be Liam Neeson making googly eyes at Rihanna across the deck?), she can just belt out of Man Down. Unlike her racy 2010 album Rated R, this flick is PG-13, but with Rihanna and Brooklyn Decker aboard, this ship could float a little longer than the Bismarck.



Scarlett Johansson, The Avengers

You'd think with Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, the Hulk, and Nick Fury et al jockeying for screen time the Black Widow would get short thrift. But hey, just because Black Widow's

superpowers are pretty puny when compared to her fellow Avengers, nobody tosses Scar-Jo in a corner. One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is Johansson bound to a chair surrounded by a trio of baddies whom she confidently dispatch-

es in stunning fashion. Whether she's zipping into a leather suit or decked out in S.H.I.E.L.D casual, her curves are always set to stun.

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Remake. Son of Benji creator searches for scruffy mutt to create a modern day Benji

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It's a mutt — mischievous, medium-sized, scruffy

and street-smart with soulful eyes. Comfortable as hero or underdog, yet likely to be a stray. Must be a fast learner, able to charm millions and willing to work for food.

Brandon Camp, whose father created Benji nearly 40 years ago, and veteran movie trainer Mark Forbes have set out to find a new

Benji in a nationwide search that includes online tools and sites that weren't around when the first four Benjis were discovered.

A Facebook page (facebook.com/benjithemovie) has been set up so pet owners and shelter staffs can post pictures and videos of dogs they think could be

the next Benji.

Camp and Forbes will scour photos of pets from shelters and rescues across the country, along with sites like petfinder.com and adoptapet.com. Forbes said he was personally visiting every shelter within 75 miles of Los Angeles, where he is general manager and head

trainer at Birds and Animals Unlimited.

The original 1974 movie Benji is about a stray who helps save two kidnapped children. It was written, produced, directed and financed by Camp's father, Joe Camp. When he couldn't find a distributor, he and his wife, the late Carolyn Camp, decided to do it themselves.

There would be four sequels, several TV specials, a Saturday morning TV series, a syndicated comic strip and all kinds of merchandizing deals.

More than 73 million people would see Benji at theatres and more than a billion people around the world watch it on television. Millions of DVDs would be sold.

The original Benji was Higgins, adopted in the early 1960s from the Burbank Animal Shelter by late animal trainer Frank Inn. Higgins played Dog in the television series Petticoat Junction for several years. At the age of 14, he became Benji.

The second Benji was Higgins' daughter, the third was a distant relative and the fourth was adopted from the Humane Society of South Mississippi.

"I only have snapshot memories of the original," said Brandon Camp, who was just 3 years old when Benji came out. "The second Benji is the one I grew up with and travelled with and knew and loved."

The dog was so much a

Resumé

- Trainer Mark Forbes, who will be working on the new Benji film, has plenty of Hollywood animal experience.
- He's worked on 101 Dalmatians, Dr. Doolittle, Marley and Me, We Bought a Zoo, Mr. Popper's Penguins, Evan Almighty and Zookeeper.

part of his life, he was nicknamed Benji at school. The two of them were constantly on the go — from White House Easter egg hunts to morning shows, late shows and show-and-tells.

"I missed most of my first grade because I was travelling around with Benji," said Camp, who directed Love Happens.

When he was 6 or 7, Camp went to New York so Benji could ride a float in the Macy's parade, where thousands of people were trying to get close to see him.

"It was the first time I realized what kind of star he was," he remembers.

Camp said the new movie will stay true to the heart of the original Benji.

"Parents and grandparents will recognize the spirit of Benji," he said. "He was always a mutt and will always be a mutt. He is the every-dog."

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This 1979 photo shows comedian Chevy Chase getting his ear licked from co-star Benji as the two held a news conference in Los Angeles announcing their movie *Oh Heavenly Dog*. NICK UT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Monsters beware

Abe Lincoln is not the only historical figure who could tangle with the forces of the supernatural and come out on top. These five warriors bring different — but no less effective — weapons in the fight against the forces of darkness.

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Florence Nightingale

Legendary nurse saved countless lives in the Crimean War, and the “lady with the lamp” was a trailblazer for sanitation and hygiene. Her skills would be priceless for containing the infectious zombie plagues that are becoming a constant nuisance.



Cleopatra

The Egyptian pharaoh was a mystic who liked to experiment with witchcraft and substances. So who better to take on the bandaged terror of The Mummy where it lives?



Horatio Nelson

British naval captain and hero of the Napoleonic wars. With such pedigree on the high seas we believe Nelson would have been an expert dragon slayer, capable of dousing any flames, and would have experience with sea monsters too.



William Gladstone

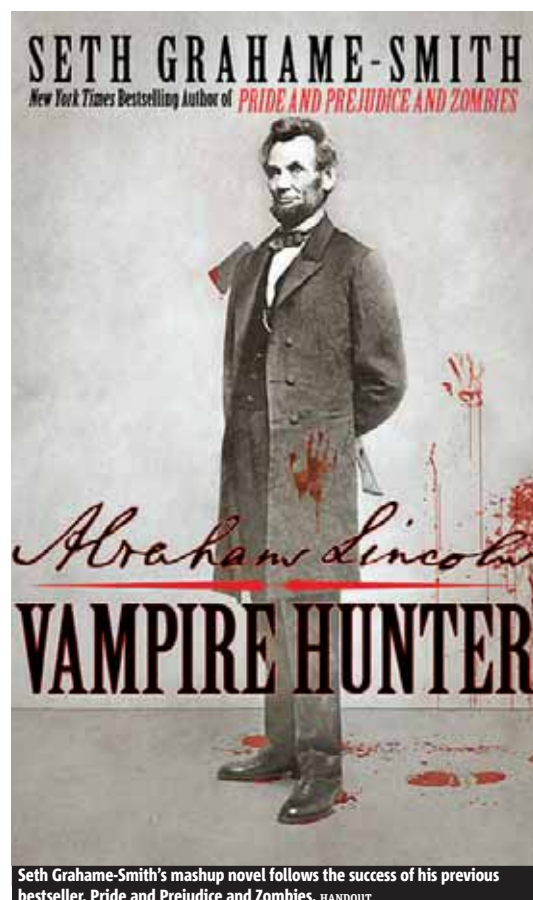
One of Britain's longest-serving prime ministers. When Gladstone wasn't handling business, he was happiest in his garden, where he earned a reputation for being green-thumbed. Useful in case of a Triffid-style mutant plant attack, or if the Little Shop of Horrors returns.



George Washington

The first U.S. president was an excellent shot and a keen fox hunter. We see no reason why those skills couldn't be transferred to scarier, hairier dogs — such as werewolves.

Who can say Lincoln didn't kill vampires?



Imaginative mashup.

Author Seth Grahame-Smith came up with the idea after seeing Lincoln and Twilight books together

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Abraham Lincoln was secretly a vampire hunter? Only the detailed, imaginative mind of Seth Grahame-Smith could come up with a tale like this. He's made a living from mashups, like *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* and the *Dark Shadows*.

Metro World News spoke to him about his inspirations and why he chose Lincoln as his “historical revisionist” project.

So, how do you come up with this stuff?

This idea specifically was a weird organic outgrowth of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*. I was going around the country promoting that in 2009, which was coincidentally the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth so every bookstore I'd go into no matter where it was in the United States, I'd see the same display of Lincoln books, biographies, things like that. And, then inevitably there would be the *Twilight*: True

Blood table next to it. I started to draw the distinction of if everywhere you go there are vampire books right in front of the stores, and everywhere you go there are Lincoln books right in front of the stores. It stands to reason that...

Maybe Abraham Lincoln was a vampire hunter?

Maybe there's something to combining them. It just began, a fun little game with-in myself imagining what it would be like. Would Lincoln be a vampire? I thought, “No that's not really true to his ideals. He would be a vampire hunter. That got me interested enough to read about the real man,

and when I started to read about the Lincoln legend I got hooked into it and started to see where all of the opportunities were to add the genre twist to it.

Abraham Lincoln is pretty well-known in the U.S.. What do you think international audiences can glean from it?

What we've made here isn't so much a political movie about a president as much as a superhero movie. It's a superhero ori-

gine movie really.

I think they would approach it as — I hope they would see it — whether they know much about Lincoln or not, he's an interesting guy who lived in the 19th century who made himself into — and this is in real life too — made himself into something extraordinary.

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The primary characters of Pixar's latest animated feature film Brave are, from left, King Fergus (voiced by Billy Connolly), Queen

Brave may seem familiar, but it's actually all new

Fairy tale feel. The filmmakers wanted audiences to be lulled into thinking they know what's happening but don't



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If you walk away from seeing Brave, the new Pixar princess movie, feeling as though the story was familiar, that was on purpose.

"We wanted it have that feeling where you wonder, 'Was that a real fairy tale?'" says producer Katherine Sarafian. "Because it feels like a classic, dark ancient tale but told in a new way."

Director Mark Andrews adds that it took years to fine-tune the story. "We didn't really have the story done,

done-done-done-itty-done-done in all its permutations, until December of last year." He says. "In the last three months I honed it. That happens by watching it over and over and over again."

"The film will tell you what it needs and it doesn't need much," says Sarafian. "It doesn't need every bit of dialogue ever recorded. You need to get the point across."

The inspiration for the story of Merida (voiced by Kelly Macdonald), a flame-haired

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Elinor (Emma Thompson) and Merida (Kelly Macdonald). HANDOUT

Break out the bagpipes

Set in ancient Scotland, many of Brave's voice actors are actually Scottish.

- Kelly Macdonald as Merida, was born in Glasgow and still lives there with her husband Dougie Payne from the band Travis.
- Billy Connolly as King Fergus was also born in Glasgow, and returned there in 2005 after years of living in Hollywood.
- Robbie Coltrane as Lord Dingwall. Born in Ruth-

erglen, Coltrane had to adopt an English accent to play Hagrid in the Harry Potter series.

- Craig Ferguson as Lord Macintosh. Also born in Glasgow, he wrote a book called American on Purpose about his immigration experience.
- Kevin McKidd as Lord MacGuffin. Born in Elgin, he is best known for his role in Trainspotting, a harrowing film about growing up in Scotland.

tomboy-turned-princess, who clashes with her mother and learns that you have to be careful what you wish for — especially when that wish is

granted by an absent-minded witch — came from a number of sources.

"There are stories about people changing onto ani-

mals," said Andrews. "There are stories about asking for a wish and it going wrong and teaching you a lesson. There are all those aspects of it in different pieces so we built this thing from scratch; pulling ideas that we know have worked in other places."

The final stop before theatres is the head office of Pixar, home to hits like Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, WALL-E, Up and Toy Story 3.

"The people I have to show the film to have been through it," says Andrews. "They have Academy Awards, so if they say, 'I smell a rat,' I have to get back in there. They are the best guys to have on your side. I want their response."

"Our bosses are creative," says Sarafian. "They have all directed, rather than having suits or business people make the decisions by focus group or budget. They're making decisions based on what they find entertaining based on their experiences and training."

The result is a classic feeling film, with no pop culture references. "We didn't want to be glib," said Sarafian, "we want generations to watch it."

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"We didn't want to be glib; we want generations to watch it."

Katherine Sarafian, Brave producer

Explaining why there are no pop culture references in the film

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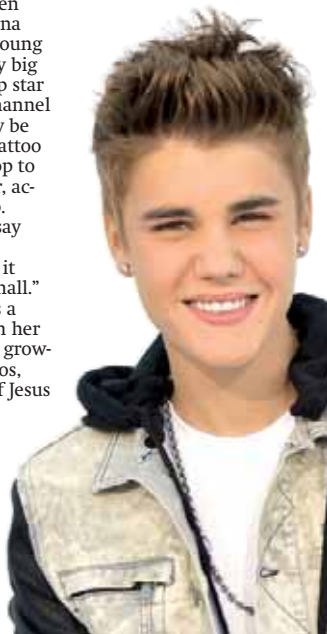
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Biebs and Gomez to get couple tattoos?

It must be love between Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, because the young couple is taking a very big step together: The pop star and former Disney Channel actress will reportedly be headed to New York tattoo artist Bang Bang's shop to get some ink together, according to Hollyscoop.

The source didn't say exactly what the pair would be getting, but it will be "something small."

Gomez already has a piece by Bang Bang on her side, and Bieber has a growing collection of tattoos, including a portrait of Jesus on his lower leg.



Drake

Weezy wants Drizzy to squash the beef with Breezy

Rapper Lil Wayne is reportedly pressuring Drake to make peace with Chris Brown after last week's New York nightclub brawl, according to TMZ.

But why the desire to calm tensions? Because Wayne is worried it will hurt his business, as songs

with Brown doing a guest vocal tend to be big hits, a source explains.

"Making money matters most," a source says. Drake, for his part, is reportedly hesitant to extend an olive branch until he knows that Brown doesn't blame him for instigating the brawl.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Deadmau5 puts Madonna on notice

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We weren't the only ones who sensed a little desperation in Madonna's current tour, which has featured more than one awkward striptease.

In the new issue of Rolling Stone, electronic music producer Joel Zimmerman (better known as Deadmau5, or that guy who wears a giant mouse head

onstage) called out the pop star for her recent appearance at the Ultra Music Festival, where she asked, "How many people in this crowd have seen Molly?" — a clumsy reference to ecstasy, as is the title of her new album, MDNA.

"You want to be 'hip' and 'cool' and 'funky grandma'? Fine. It's not my place to say you're irrelevant," says Zimmerman. "If you're gonna come into my world, at least do it with a little more dignity."

You heard the man, Madonna. And if you start name-checking wine spritzers on ice, expect to hear from us.



Johnny Depp. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Depp and Paradis are done, rep confirms

After six months of dodging rumours that they were on the rocks, Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have ended their 14-year relationship, Depp's rep confirms in a statement to Entertainment Tonight.

"Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis have amicably

separated. Please respect their privacy and, more importantly, the privacy of their children," the statement reads. There's no word on how Depp and Paradis, who never married, will handle custody of their children, 12-year-old Lily Rose and nine-year-old Jack.

Sheen taking serious 'precautions'

Charlie Sheen admits that he's had to make some changes to the way he parties at his house after last year's very public flame-out.

"We take phones and purses at my house, and people have to sign s—," Sheen tells Playboy magazine. "I'm not living in the Pentagon, but I've been burned enough to have to take precautions. It's either that or choose a different type of woman or party

guest, because you never know."

And as for why the troubled actor remains popular? He has a theory: "If you're special, you're tortured," he says.

"I know that sounds arrogant, but you can't not be special and have a 30-year career. You can't not be a little different from others and be successful for three decades. Your mind has to work a little differently than the average brain."



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Fashion Flash

Adidas pulls shoe over cuff controversy

Adidas cancelled plans for a sneaker with a shackle-like ankle cuff Monday night after some critics said it too closely resembled a symbol of slavery. The JS Roundhouse Mid, a high-top sneaker with an orange plastic cuff, was made in collaboration with fashion designer Jeremy Scott.

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On the Web



U.S. athletes will wear uniforms at Olympics that could shave time off sprints

Style Olympics

The fashion giants face off at London 2012. Who cares about the medals, when some of the cattiest competition will be going on in the style stakes?

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Sportswear has always been a sticky topic for fashionable types.

For a start, sports people do require a level of practicality and comfort.

In the fashion world, those are two ugly words used almost exclusively for those individuals who wear

hiking gear in the city or running trainers while commuting because they're just easier. I shudder.

The balance between looking good and performing well offers a dilemma that's long plagued athletes who are forced into some over-branded piece

of nationalistic lycra worn under what amounts to little more than a shell suit.

Thankfully, in this age of celebrity endorsements and collaborations, the real designer talent has got behind their teams, namely Giorgio Armani (Italy), Stella McCartney and Adidas (Great

Britain), Cedella Marley (Jamaica) and Ralph Lauren (U.S.A.).

Patriotic, yes and also the perfect piece of marketing with the Games' status as a visual spectacle and of course the potential for a multi-billion global audience.



Italy

You'd expect flair and passion from the Italians, and EA7 Emporio Armani sportswear delivers. Giorgio Armani created a 50-piece collection complete with luggage cut in white and midnight blue, which was the traditional colour pre-1970s. And if Italy's athletes need inspiration they need only look to the first words of Mameli's hymn (national anthem) embroidered on the inside of jackets and sweatshirts.

Great Britain

Great Britain gymnast Louis Smith says of the kit: "I really do love it. I like the way that the Union Jack is incorporated into the leotard and tracksuit — and it's more comfortable than anything I've competed in." Stella McCartney had all the pressure designing for the host nation and she seems to have delivered, despite claims that the design on the chest resembles the X Factor logo. Wishful thinking, perhaps.



Jamaica

Cedella Marley — yes she is Bob Marley's daughter — really did have to create something special, seeing as Usain Bolt is almost a dead certain for the gold. Marley looked to sport, music (there's an element of Buffalo Soldier) and Jamaican culture. There's even a nod to Bob with his face featuring on the shoulder of some track jackets. Marley said at the launch, "A little piece of him is going to be in London."

U.S.A.

Ralph Lauren is no stranger to the sports field, or London for that matter, with his regular collections for the Wimbledon staff. Lauren looked to the London 1984 Olympics and the 1930s and 1940s with off-duty cricket-collar shirts and sweatshirts and a dash of patriotic pride thanks to the felt U.S.A. appliqués. It's likely to be the biggest hit commercially with the brand's iconic polo player motif.



Canadian Apparel

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Metro chats with Suzanne Timmins, senior vice-president and fashion director for the Hudson's Bay Company, about Hudson's Bay Company Olympic Collection.

What was the inspiration behind the 2012 Summer Olympic Team Apparel collection?

We were inspired by sports and the great outdoors. We wanted to create a Summer Olympic collection that our athletes — and all Canadians — would embrace.



What is your favourite piece from the 2012 line that you'll be wearing as you cheer on Team Canada?

The Track Jacket is one of my favourite pieces from the Bay's Canadian Olympic Collection. Sport-inspired varsity jackets and bombers are on-trend, and people stop to talk to me about it all the time.

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Greet these warm summer days with Grilled Salmon (in two tasty ways)

In *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook*, authors Judie Glick and Carol Jenson offer a range of enticing recipes that span the seasons and showcase the ingredients available at the Granville Island Public Market.

One of the recipes is for this Grilled Salmon, which can be made in two ways. You can add your favourite sauce to enhance the grilled salmon or garnish with just a wedge of lemon.

Serve it with roasted new potatoes and a simple salad.

Option 1

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. Place fillet, skin side down, on barbecue. Close lid and let salmon cook through, 10 to 15 minutes. Place on a platter and serve.

Option 2

1. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

2. In bowl, mix mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Ingredients

Option 1

- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Option 2

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) mayonnaise (full fat is best)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) freshly ground pepper
- 1 whole salmon fillet, about 1 kg (2 lb)

Place fillet, skin side down, on a sheet of foil and evenly spread mayonnaise mixture over top. Tent foil over salmon and place on barbecue.

3. Grill for 10 to 15 minutes until fish is cooked through. Place on a platter and serve.

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Grilled Salmon Two Ways



Both options serve four people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Book of the week

Vancouver staple



When Vancouver's Granville Island Public Market opened in 1979, Judie Glick was one of the original vendors. Her love of food inspired her to create a cookbook honouring the market.

Now, Glick has teamed up with Carol Jenson, another longtime market resident, for *The New Granville Island Market Cookbook* (Arsenal, 2012).

The book is divided into the four seasons, with recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, entrées and fruits, sweets and baked goods. They revamped some of the recipes from the original book — making them lighter and fresher — and added some new ones. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cooking technique: The secret to tender and juicy ribs



This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

To boil or not to boil? To rub or not to rub? However you like them, barbecued ribs are a huge treat during the summer.

This recipe includes directions for pre-baking, which gives a guaranteed tender result (and, frankly, the idea of slow cooking on the barbecue can be a bit daunting). Use the barbecue to finish the

cooking.

The sauce used for these ribs is a combination of regional barbecue styles.

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).

2. Place ribs on a baking sheet. In a small bowl, mix all the spices; rub into ribs. Place ribs in a roasting pan and bake for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Let cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan on low heat, combine all barbecue sauce ingredients. Stir occasionally until sugar has melted and ingredients have blended well. Use immediately or let cool and store in refrigerator until ready to use.

4. Heat barbecue to medium. Oil grill to prevent sticking.

5. Slather the ribs with the barbecue sauce and place them on grill. Cook the ribs for about 15 minutes, until the outsides are slightly crispy and the ribs are warmed through. Brush the ribs with more sauce while grilling.

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Ingredients

- 2 racks pork baby back ribs, about 750 g (1 1/2 lb), cut into 10-cm (4-inch) pieces
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) onion powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) dry mustard
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) ground pepper
- Barbecue Sauce (follows)
- 250 ml (1 cup) ketchup
- 250 ml (1 cup) chili sauce
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) brown sugar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) minced onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) garlic powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) onion powder
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- 1 to 2 drops hot sauce
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Belinda Carlisle is something of a decor goddess

'A knack for it' Singer's trips to India turned into a new career path in home goods

"Home-goods designer" was never a particular aspiration for Belinda Carlisle, the singer best known as part of the Go-Go's. But, she says, she was spending so much time travelling, and especially travelling to India, where she was surrounded by beautiful textiles and glorious colours, that she had to figure out how to put all of it to use.

"I guess I sort of had a knack for it," Carlisle says.

Her new collection, called Belindia (yes, that's a slight tweak of the spelling of her name), is being sold at Bergdorf Goodman. On a recent trip to New York, she made sure to pass by the retailer's famous Midtown windows to see her blankets and tabletop items on display.

She wouldn't have imagined it a few years ago. "It really started with three or four of us not knowing anything about how to start this

sort of business, and one year and nine months later, we're in store," Carlisle says during an interview.

She adds: "I was spending six months a year in India, and I thought, 'I have to justify it.'"

Originally, she was drawn to India more as part of a spiritual journey that included yoga and charitable work, but as she "peeled away the layers of India," she became more and more enchanted.

For the collection, she allowed her eclectic, unconventional tastes to take the lead, she explains. In her own home, it's something ladylike here, something left over from her punk days over there. Nothing matches, she says, and that's the way she likes it.

Carlisle is in the process of moving back to Los Angeles after making her home in France for many years. Her furniture and beloved collectibles and souvenirs will go back to the United States with her, but she's sad that her favourite ride, a 1973 Citroen DS 23, probably will not.

There's a practical side to Carlisle, and, she says, she's concerned that if anything were to go wrong with the

car or it needed a new part, there'd be no help available.

Carlisle considers her bedroom the most important room of the house because she does much of her work, as well as her relaxing, on her bed, which she covers in throws and pillows.

She plans to put one of the original blankets from Belindia's debut on the bed.

She'll also put one of the tablecloths on her dining table, Carlisle says, but although she is making a table runner too, she doesn't see much use for one.

It must be one of those things that people who throw elaborate dinner parties need, she says, but she's definitely not one of those. "I don't spend money on dinner parties. I'd much rather have a good loaf of bread and save my money for travel," she says.

Her next planned big trip — after that U.S. move — is again to India, where she wants to go to even more remote places by train, carrying just a backpack. "It's going to be a no-jewelry, no-makeup kind of trip."

Some textile items from the Belindia label raise money for the Shuktara Project, an organization based in Calcutta, India, that cares for abandoned children with disabilities.

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Singer and home-goods designer, Belinda Carlisle. PAULA HARROWING/BELINDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Cushions by Belinda Carlisle. BELINDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Blanket by Belinda Carlisle. BELINDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hey babe, take a walk on the wild-flower side

Gardening tips.

They're slower to bloom but much less maintenance than other flowers — and it doesn't hurt that bees and butterflies like them too

Wildflowers are an attractive choice for home gardeners who hope to attract wildlife with plants that are also low-maintenance, and drought and disease-resistant.

Some wildflower varieties require more patience than others and sometimes several seasons before they bloom.

"There are a couple of reasons why people get into wildflowers," said Russ Nicholson, senior agronomist for Pennington Seed Inc. in Madison, Ga.

"One is that they're trying to reduce the size of the area being managed and know wildflowers are easy to grow. Or, two, they might be interested in birds and butterflies, and enjoy having feeders or houses in their gardens to connect with the wildflowers."

One person's wildflower, of course, may be another person's weed.

"Natives" are defined as plants that grew in North America before the Europeans arrived. "Weeds" are any plants growing where they're not wanted.

And then there are "naturalized aliens," plants that have taken hold in certain areas but that should be avoided because they crowd out and contaminate native gene pools.

That would include St. Anne's lace, chicory and ox-

eyed daisies. Each appears on many U.S. state and federal noxious weed lists.

Jerry Goodspeed, a Utah State University extension horticulturist, puts it another way: "Enjoy nature where nature is and go to a nursery if you want to grow wildflowers. More plant varieties are becoming available to homeowners each year."

Wildflower varieties are divided into meadow, woodland and wetland. All require some knowledge about where they grow best.

"Meadow varieties are the easiest to cultivate from seed," said Mike Lizotte, managing partner for American Meadows, a gardening company in Williston, Vt.

"Some wildflowers need an exacting microclimate, especially the woodland types. It can take a white trillium from five to seven years to yield a flower from seed."

Many people new to wildflower gardening buy specialty seed blends that give good value for the money, said Lizotte. Wildflower seed mixtures generally include from a dozen to 30 varieties of annuals and perennials.

"Three or four years down the road, people start dialing in on the different species they really liked from the blends," Lizotte added.

Choose bare root plants, plugs or seedlings if you want your wildflower gardening to be fast and easy. Go with seeds if you have large areas to cover.

And mimic Mother Nature by planting in late fall or well into winter.

"That will give them a chance to germinate earlier in the spring, before any leaves come out," Nicholson said. "It's getting pretty late to put something out there around Mother's Day that should be in the ground by February."

Always buy from a reputable source, Lizotte said. "Don't get fooled by packaging or price. Somewhere on the packaging, it will tell you what's in it. Ideally, you want 100 per cent pure seed free of any fill."

For more about the care and feeding of wildflowers, see this planting primer from American Meadows: americanmeadows.com/wildflower-seed-planting-instructions.

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A Wild Tiger Lily in a wildflower garden near New Market, V.A. "Wild" tiger lilies are the ancestors of many hybrids seen in today's home flower beds. DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

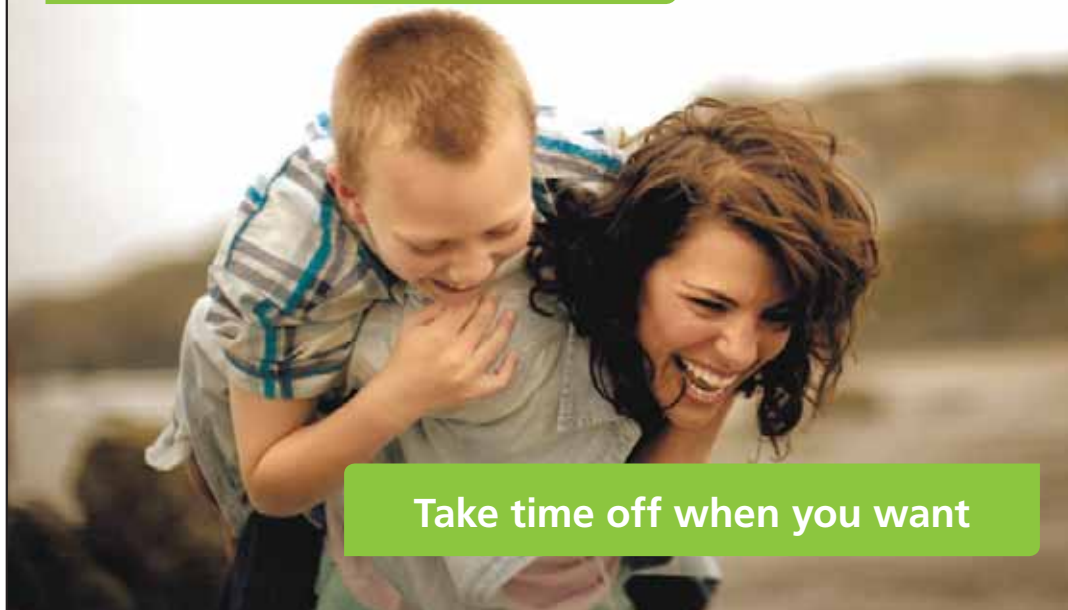
Don't 'steal' flowers

Shop around for wildflowers rather than seeking them out in the woods. The odds are against the latter surviving because they often require habitats different than those in your yard.

- "It's illegal to pull them out of the ground on most public lands," said Mike Lizotte, managing partner for American Meadows, a gardening company in Williston, Vt. "That can draw a stiff fine."

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Jerry Goodspeed, a Utah State University extension horticulturist
On where to get wildflowers for your garden

Go big, or don't bring it home

Wall power. Large-scale art is the key to adding impact to a room



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Last year I had the pleasure of meeting Marta Calles, president of Crate & Barrel and former design director of CB2 stores.

Over the past few years both Crate & Barrel and CB2 have made great efforts to enter the Canadian market with many store openings and online web offerings. During our meet-



A large piece of art helps create a focal point. CB2.COM

ing, Marta and I discussed our visions of future home decor trends and in particular, the trending of the royals.

The royal wedding, the Queen's Jubilee and the summer Olympics made us sure everyone would want a little accent of British style

in their homes after all these events had passed.

About a week after my meeting I emailed Ms. Calles; thanking her for her time and the great conversation about trends that we'd



It's All Mine Now limited edition, mixed medium reproduction painting, \$329, CB2 stores CB2.COM

had. I referred back to our royal-trend discussion and included an image of a small portrait that I had painted of the Queen. Not an artist by any means (my painting was a weekend pro-

How's it hanging?

- **How high?** The middle of your artwork should be hung 66-70 inches off the floor.
- **Remember.** Large-scale art helps to create big impact in a small space.
- **Consider your other furniture.** The bottom of artwork should be 8-12 inches above headboards, credenzas or sofas.
- **Optical illusion.** Hang artwork vertically stacked to help draw the eye upward in a room.

ject) I hoped to show her how far ahead of the royal trend I had been. To my surprise, Ms. Calles replied back to my email saying she loved the 'attitude' of the painting and wanted to have it reproduced for CB2

stores. Long story short, the painting was reproduced on canvas and enlarged to a whopping 44 inches wide and 60 inches tall; a size of art sure to add impact wherever the painting chooses to live.

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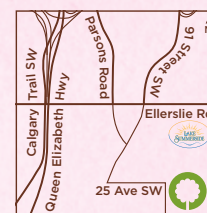
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Believe it or not, home renos don't happen in 22 minutes

Reality check. Jim Caruk offers an insider view of house repairs and revamp in HGTV's Builder Boss

While "the big reveal" remains a centrepiece on home renovation shows, there's considerable time and toiling that occurs behind the scenes to



Jim Caruk of HGTV's Builder Boss
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refurbish and transform spaces featured on-air.

Longtime contractor Jim Caruk and his team offer an insider perspective of the pinnacles and pitfalls of home construction on Builder Boss which premieres Thursday at 10:30 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"We want (viewers) to understand the building process because it's a huge industry; and I think over the last 10 to 12 years it's even gotten

bigger with all these shows that are coming out. But what isn't shown on some of these different shows is the actual time element," Caruk said in a recent interview.

"We blow this thing off in 22 minutes, but it's taken us a year to build — and people don't get that concept. And if they don't understand what they're going to get themselves into — if they're going to renovate their home — it's going to

be a disaster."

Caruk filmed seven seasons of HGTV's Real Renos and said Builder Boss takes the previous series to the next level. The show features 13 new builds — nearly double what Caruk and his team would take on in a typical year.

"Needless to say, it was not only exciting but it was definitely gruelling, punishing — everything else to go along with that," said the owner of

The Caruk Group.

"Our goal is ... to bring the audience back and take them through the day in the life of a custom builder and show them the real stress and the make-and-break moments of the whole industry. As I like to say, it's time, money and emotion — they don't go well together."

Builder Boss returns to its regular time slot on June 28 at 10 p.m. ET with back-to-back episodes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB

Tulowitzki set to have surgery, return in limbo

Colorado Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki will have surgery on his left groin area on Thursday and it's unknown when he'll return.

Tulowitzki was injured May 30 against Houston, pulling up after running out an infield grounder. The all-star shortstop took himself out of a game last Wednesday at Triple-A Colorado Springs after feeling not quite right.

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Troy Tulowitzki
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Cycling

Hesjedal nets over \$10K for Giro pink jersey

One of Ryder Hesjedal's pink jerseys from his Giro d'Italia victory has fetched \$10,300 US on eBay.

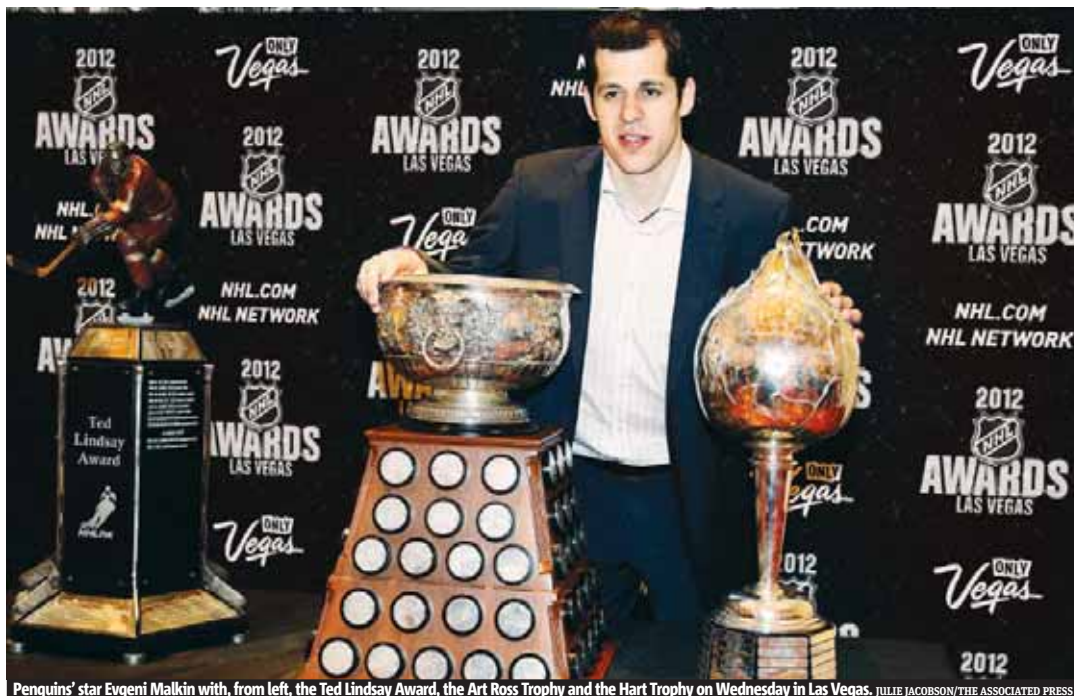
The first Canadian man to win one of cycling's three Grand Tours put his Stage 7 autographed jersey up for auction.

Hesjedal has said the money will go to Canadian Athletes Now Fund, or Can-Fund, and also to his own cycling foundation.

A pink jersey, or maglia rosa, is worn by the Giro d'Italia's overall leader.

The jersey, advertised as "only slightly worn, may have champagne residue" drew 63 bids prior to close Wednesday.

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Penguins' star Evgeni Malkin with, from left, the Ted Lindsay Award, the Art Ross Trophy and the Hart Trophy on Wednesday in Las Vegas. JULIE JACOBSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malkin hits awards jackpot in Las Vegas

NHL. Pittsburgh star wins Hart Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award

Evgeni Malkin took a quick look around and could hardly believe his eyes.

There sat the Hart Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award and Art Ross Trophy — all soon to be inscribed with his name after Malkin completed an impressive hat trick at the NHL's awards show on Wednesday night. The Pittsburgh Penguins centre struggled to describe his emotions before calling it the best day of his life.

"It's a special day to me," said Malkin. "I hope it's not the last one. I try to work

every year and I hope to be here again."

There could be no more fitting star of the show on an evening that saw every major award go to a first-time winner.

Malkin has been among the NHL's elite players since entering the league in 2006, but this was his first real twirl in the spotlight. Twice a runner-up for league MVP, Malkin was a runaway champion this time around after a season that saw him hit the 50-goal plateau for the first time and finish with 109 points.

It left the Russian in a reflective mood. He thanked former teammate Sergei Gonchar during an emotional acceptance speech because of

the great lengths the veteran defenceman went to early in Malkin's career to help him make the adjustment to life in North America.

Malkin edged Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist and Lightning sniper Steven Stamkos for both the Hart Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award.

"I think Malkin deserved it," said Lundqvist. "He was just outstanding this year. Dominated for a long time this year, and personally I was just happy to be nominated."

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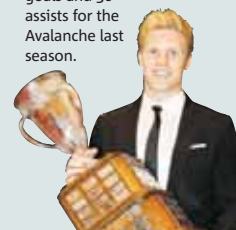


For more coverage of the NHL awards, go to metronews.ca/sports.

Calder Trophy

Gabriel Landeskog beat out Edmonton's Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and New Jersey playoff hero Adam Henrique for rookie-of-the-year honours.

- Landeskog, a second overall pick last summer, had 22 goals and 30 assists for the Avalanche last season.



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SPORTS

CFL

Former quarterback picked for Walk of Fame

One of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play in the CFL will be part of Canada's Walk of Fame. Russ Jackson, the Hamilton native who guided the Ottawa Rough Riders to three Grey Cup titles, will be inducted Sept. 22.

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Mobile news



Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs. So does the seven-time Cy Young winner now have a better case to be inducted into Cooperstown? Scan the code for the story.

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Czechs focus in on Ronaldo for quarter-final

Euro 2012. Czech Republic coach Bilik puts emphasis on smothering Portuguese star

Cristiano Ronaldo now gets the royal, reverential treatment at the European Championship even from some of his opponents.

The Czech Republic faces Portugal on Thursday and by now, most are in such awe of the creative talents of the Real Madrid superstar that there is no point in hiding tactics.

It is clear that Portugal will seek to push Ronaldo forward to expose the Czech defence, and equally clear that Czech coach Michal Bilik has already planned on how to deny him the necessary space to spread his magic.

"If Ronaldo runs, it is impossible to stop him," Bilik said on the eve of the quarter-final. "We have to close the defence and not give him any space."



Cristiano Ronaldo scores his team's second goal past Maarten Stekelenburg of the Netherlands Sunday in Kharkov, Ukraine. IAN WALTON/GETTY IMAGES

Past matches

- The Czech Republic and Portugal have met twice since the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993. Both encounters took place at European Championships.
- The Czechs stunned Portugal 1-0 in the 1996 quarter-finals in England, while the Portuguese won a group-stage match 3-1 in 2008 at the tournament co-hosted by Austria and Switzerland.

If the opponents are already full of admiration, Ronaldo's own teammates tried to outdo one another.

Midfielder Joao Moutinho called Ronaldo the best in the world — better even than Lionel Messi — and coach Paulo Bento protected him when his lack of defending was questioned.

"Every player has his own function or task," Bento said. "We try to combine this in the

best possible way."

This comes after Ronaldo was criticized for two wasteful games that put Portugal on the brink of elimination. Then he produced two goals and perhaps his best international game in a 2-1 comeback win over the Netherlands to earn Portugal a spot in the quarter-finals. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Euro 2012. UEFA admits gaffe on Ukraine goal

Ukraine should have been awarded a goal in its European Championship game against England, UEFA refereeing chief Pierluigi Collina said Wednesday.

"We made a mistake," Collina said. "I wish we hadn't made the mistake but we did. Referees are human beings and human beings make mistakes."

England defender John Terry made a goal-line clearance in the decisive group match in Donetsk, Ukraine on Tuesday, but replays showed

ball was over the line. England led 1-0 at the time.

Collina said Hungarian referee Viktor Kassai and his team of assistants would play no further part in the tournament, but no blame was attributed to the referee.

Collina and UEFA executives faced hostile questioning about Tuesday's decision and the use of goal-line technology, which is being tested by FIFA.

UEFA said that of 302 close decisions made by referees in the 24 matches so far, 289 of them were correct and 13 incorrect, a 95.7 per cent accuracy rate.

"That's a huge result, even though we must still improve," Collina said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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NBA finals

James getting over cramps, eyeing championship

LeBron James has never been here before.

He's been in nearly every imaginable situation over his nine seasons marked by three MVP awards, three trips to the NBA finals with two teams, and one decision that changed everything.

And now this: For the first time, he's one win from a championship.

"I have a job to do," James said Wednesday. "And my job is not done."

The job may get done Thursday night, when the Miami Heat — up 3-1 in this title series — host the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game 5 of the finals. Even after leaving Game 4 late with a cramp, James is on the cusp of finally becoming a champ. He was swept in his first finals trip in 2007, then he and the Heat fell in the 2011 title series in six games.

James got treatment again Wednesday but said soreness that followed the cramps in his left leg was easing. He could not finish Game 4, though he returned after the first wave of cramps hit and delivered a key three-pointer.

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LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

NBA finals

Harden expected to play Game 5

Oklahoma City reserve James Harden has a bruised left hand but is expected to play Thursday in Game 5 of the NBA finals.

Harden was hurt during the Thunder's 104-98 loss to the Miami Heat on Tuesday. A Thunder spokesman says Harden took part in some of Wednesday's practice, but also iced his hand and sat out a portion.

The Sixth Man of the Year's struggles have helped the Heat build a 3-1 lead. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Euro 2012. French squad had 'heated' spat after loss to Sweden



Florent Malouda
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Tensions are creeping into the French camp at the European Championship, with the players involved in a "heated" bust-up following the team's 2-0 loss to Sweden.

France, which was hit by internal strife at the 2010 World Cup, capitulated against the Swedes on Tuesday and would have lost more heavily if goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had not made several saves.

Although the defeat did not prevent France from advancing

to a quarter-final against Spain, the manner of it exasperated coach Laurent Blanc and senior players like Florent Malouda.

"Yes, it got a bit heated, but then everyone had a cold shower," Blanc said Wednesday. "It shows that there was a bit of electricity. I hope there will be against Spain, because we'll need it."

Malouda chose not to speak to the media after the defeat as he was afraid of what he might say. He was

part of the World Cup squad that shocked a nation by going on strike at training two years ago after Nicolas Anelka was sent home.

"What I saw (against Sweden) awoke some demons in me and I didn't want to express myself," Malouda said. "Because in the heat of the moment there was the risk of launching rockets and missiles."

France has worked hard to rebuild its image since Blanc replaced the unpopu-

lar Raymond Domenech, but Malouda raised concerns that a casual attitude could be returning — and he wants it stamped out. Malouda fears the French could get thrashed by Spain if they don't improve their attitude.

"It's at times like these that you really need a discussion between the players. Because if we don't sort things out before Saturday, with the opponent we have coming up, the bill could be expensive," he said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	27	.603	—
Baltimore	39	30	.565	2½
Tampa Bay	38	30	.559	3
Boston	35	33	.515	6
Toronto	35	34	.507	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	32	.529	—
Chicago	35	33	.515	1
Detroit	33	35	.485	3
Kansas City	31	36	.463	4½
Minnesota	27	40	.403	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	43	27	.614	—
Los Angeles	37	32	.536	5½
Oakland	32	36	.471	10
Seattle	30	41	.423	13½

INTERLEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Milwaukee 8 Toronto 3
Arizona 14 Seattle 10
Atlanta 10 N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 15 Miami 5
Cleveland 8 Cincinnati 1
Kansas City 2 Houston 1
Minnesota 2 Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 4 Baltimore 3
St. Louis 3 Detroit 1
Texas 4 San Diego 2
Washington 3 Tampa Bay 2
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox
L.A. Dodgers at Oakland
San Francisco at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 10 Milwaukee 9
Atlanta 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 7 Miami 5
Chicago Cubs 2 Chicago White Sox 1
Cleveland 3 Cincinnati 2 (10 innings)
Detroit 6 St. Louis 3
Kansas City 2 Houston 0
L.A. Angels 12 San Francisco 5
N.Y. Mets 5 Baltimore 0
Oakland 3 L.A. Dodgers 0
Pittsburgh 7 Minnesota 2
Seattle 12 Arizona 9 (10 innings)
Tampa Bay 5 Washington 4
Texas 7 San Diego 3
Thursday's Games — All Times Eastern
St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Detroit (Turner 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Oakland (Blackley 1-2), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 4-5) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-3), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Zambrano 4-5) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2), 7:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

THE FINALS

(Best of 7)
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI (E2)
(Miami leads series 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Miami 104 Oklahoma City 98
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	27	.591	—
New York	38	32	.543	3
Atlanta	37	32	.536	3½
Miami	33	35	.485	7
Philadelphia	33	37	.471	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	38	30	.559	—
Pittsburgh	35	32	.522	2½
St. Louis	35	34	.507	3½
Milwaukee	32	37	.464	6½
Houston	28	41	.406	10½
Chicago	24	44	.353	19

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	26	.618	—
San Francisco	38	31	.551	4½
Arizona	34	35	.493	8½
Colorado	25	42	.373	16½
San Diego	24	46	.343	19

Wednesday's result
Philadelphia 7 Colorado 6
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 7 Colorado 2
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Colorado (Francis 0-1) at Philadelphia (Worley 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

BREWERS 8, BLUE JAYS 3

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Laurie 3b	3	1	0	0	Gomez cf	4	2	1	2
Yescorp ph-ss	1	0	0	0	Morgan rf	4	1	2	1
Rasmus cf	4	0	1	1	Braun lf	4	1	3	2
Bautist fr	4	0	0	0	Aoki lf	0	0	0	0
Encrnc 1b	4	1	2	2	ArRmr 3b	4	0	1	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0	Hart 1b	3	1	1	1
Mathis c	3	0	1	0	RWeks 2b	4	0	0	0
Vizquel ss-3b	4	0	1	0	Ransm ss	3	1	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	2	0	Mlndc d	4	1	3	2
Carren p	1	0	0	0	Gallard p	3	1	1	0
Laffey p	1	0	0	0	Dillard p	0	0	0	0
Cooper ph	1	1	1	0	Kottars ph	1	0	0	0
L.Perez p	0	0	0	0	Fiers p	0	0	0	0
Amenci ph	1	0	0	0					
Frasor p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	34	8	12	8

Toronto 050 010 20x — 8
Milwaukee 050 010 20x — 8
DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 10, Milwaukee 5.
2B—Rasmus (15), Braun (12), Ar.Ramirez (20), M.Maldonado (1), Gallardo (1), HR—Encarnacion (20), C.Gomez (3), Braun (20), Hart (15), M.Maldonado (5), SB—C.Gomez (8), Braun (12), Hart (2). S—Mathis.
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO
Carreno L,0-2 3 5 5 5 2 2 3
Laffey 3 3 1 1 1 1 1
L.Perez 1 3 2 2 0 1
Frasor 1 1 0 0 0 2
Milwaukee
Gallardo W,6-5 6-2 3 7 3 3 2 7
Dillard H,1 11-3 2 0 0 1 2
Fiers 1 0 0 0 0 2
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TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed RHP David Paulley off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Assigned RHP Shawn Hill to Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned 3B Yan Gomes to Las Vegas. Recalled RHP Joel Carreno from Las Vegas.

NHL

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Donald Dufresne assistant coach and Vincent Riendeau goaltending consultant of Hamilton (AHL).

CFL

PRE-SEASON EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Winnipeg	1	1	0	0	22	10	2
Hamilton	1	0	1	0	24	29	0
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	1	1	0	0	44	10	2
Calgary	1	1	0	0	20	17	0
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	17	20	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	1	0	10	44	0

WEEK TWO

Wednesday's result
Hamilton at Winnipeg
Tuesday's result
Toronto 25 Montreal 20
Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
B.C. at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Friday's game
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9 p.m.
END OF PRE-SEASON

NHL

2011-12 AWARDS WINNERS

At Las Vegas
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(most valuable player in the regular season)
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(MVP as voted by the NHLPA)
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VEZINA TROPHY
(top goaltender)
Henrik Lundqvist, N.Y. Rangers

NORRIS TROPHY
(top defenceman)
Erik Karlsson, Ottawa Senators

FRANK J. SELKE TROPHY
(top defensive forward)
Patrice Bergeron, C, Boston Bruins

LADY BYNG MEMORIAL TROPHY
(sportsmanlike, gentlemanly conduct and high standard of play)
Brian Campbell, D, Florida Panthers

CALDER TROPHY
(rookie of the year)
Gabriel Landeskog, LW, Colorado Avalanche

BILL MASTERTON MEMORIAL TROPHY
(perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey)
Max Pacioretty, LW, Montreal Canadiens

JACK ADAMS AWARD
(head coach who has contributed most to his team's success)
Ken Hitchcock, St. Louis Blues

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR
(as voted by GMs, executives and media)
Doug Armstrong, St. Louis Blues

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(commitment, perseverance and teamwork to enrich his community)
Mike Fisher, C, Nashville Predators

MARK MESSIER LEADERSHIP AWARD
(player who exemplifies great leadership qualities to his team, on and off the ice during the regular season)
Shane Doan, RW, Phoenix Coyotes.

KING CLANCY AWARD
(player who best exemplifies leadership on and off the ice and has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribution in his community)
Daniel Alfredsson, RW, Ottawa Senators

TENNIS

ATP-WTA AEGON INTERNATIONAL

At Eastbourne, England
Men
Singles — Second Round
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Marcel Granollers (2), Spain, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (2)

Andreas Seppi (3), Italy, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Bernard Tomic (4), Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5

Andy Roddick (6), U.S., def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 7-6 (6)
Philipp Kohlschreiber (7), Germany, def. Jamie Baker, Britain, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Ryan Harrison, U.S., def. Yen-Hsun Lu, Taipei, 6-1, 7-6 (2)

Doubles — Quarter-finals
Michail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Daniele Bracciali and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 5-7, 7-6 (1), 12-10 (tiebreak).

Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (3), Britain, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram, Israel, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2)

Jamie Delgado and Ken Skupski, Britain, def. Pablo Andujar and Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-3, 6-0.

Matthew Ebdon, Australia, and Donald Young, U.S., def. Dominic Inglot and Jonathan Marray, Britain, 6-2, 4-6, 11-9 (tiebreak).

Women
Singles — Second Round
Marion Bartoli (4), France, def. Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., 6-2, 6-2.

Angelique Kerber (5), Germany, def. Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 6-2.
Lucie Safarova (7), Czech Republic, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. Daniela Hantuchova (8), Slovakia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, def. Petra Cetkova, (9), Czech Republic, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2

Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que., 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 7-5.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Christina McHale, U.S., 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

ATP-WTA UNICEF OPEN
At Den Bosch, Netherlands
Men
Singles — Second Round
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1.

Tatsuma Ito, Japan, def. Jurgen Melzer (3), Austria, 6-2, 6-2.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Lukas Kubot (8), Poland, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.

Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia (walkover).
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Alejandro Fal-la, Colombia, 6-3, 6-0.

Women
Singles — Second Round
Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-0.

Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (8).
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Daria Gavrilova, Russia, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-1.
Doubles — Semifinals
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, and Barbora Zlahova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 10-6 (tiebreak).

WIMBLEDON QUALIFYING

At Roehampton, England
(qualifying-round winners advance to main draw)
Men's Singles — Qualifying Round
Jurgen Zopp (1), Estonia, def. Izak Van der Merwe, South Africa, 6-4, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Michael Russell (4), U.S., def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Jesse Levine (5), U.S., def. Wayne Odesnik (20), U.S., 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Rajeev Ram (8), U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Simone Bolelli (9), Italy, def. Maxime Authom, Belgium, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut (10), Spain, 6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-5.
Brian Baker (11), U.S., def. Maxime Teixeira, France, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Ruben Bemelmans (18), Belgium, def. Farrukh Dustov, Uzbekistan, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-1.
Ryan Sweeting (21), U.S., def. Peter Torebko, Germany, 3-6, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-4.

Florent Serra (22), France, def. Matteo Viola, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (8), 6-4.
Jerzy Janowicz (24), Poland, def. Denis Kudla, U.S., 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Inigo Cervantes (31), Spain, def. Erik Chvojka, Montreal, 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Andrey Kuznetsov (32), Russia, def. Marc Gicquel, France, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, def. Ivan Navarro, Spain, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
Guillaume Rufin, France, def. Jonathan Das-neres de Veigy, France, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-4.

Kenny de Schepper, France, def. Marcel Felder, Uruguay, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Doubles — Qualifying Round
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Igor Zelenay (5), Slovakia, def. Rik de Voest, South Africa, and Adil Shamasdin, Pickering, Ont., 6-4, 6-2.

Lewis Burton and George Morgan, Britain, def. Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, and Philipp Oswald (8), Austria, 7-6 (1), 4-6, 7-5.

Women's Singles — Second Round
Melinda Czink (1), Hungary, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 8-6.
Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, def. Garbine Muguruza Blanco (3), Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

Misaki Doi (4), Japan, def. Madison Keys, U.S., 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Sesil Karatantcheva (5), Kazakhstan, def. Lisa Whybourn, Britain, 5-7, 6-4, 6-0.

Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Stefanie Voegtle (8), Switzerland, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Karolina Pliskova (9), Czech Republic, def. Michelle Larcher de Brito, Portugal, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Olivia Rogowska (10), Australia, 6-1, 6-4.
Lara Arruabarrena-Vecin (11), Spain, def. Tat-jana Malek, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

Mirjana Lucic (12), Croatia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-2.
Claire Aurelle Feuerstein (13), France, def. Yuliya Beyerzimer, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

CoCo Vandeweghe (14), U.S., def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.
Valeria Savinykh (15), Russia, def. Ines Ferrer Suarez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

Irena Pavlovic, France, def. Erika Sema (16), Japan, 6-0, 6-4.
Alexa Glatch, U.S., def. Aravane Rezaei (17), France, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Annika Beck, Germany, def. Yvonne Meusburger (20), Austria, 6-2, 6-3.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Dinah Pfizenmaier (21), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.

Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, def. Mihaela Buzarnescu (23), Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Bibiane Schoofs (24), Netherlands, def. Zheng Saisai, China, 6-3, 6-3.

Marta Sirotkina, Russia, def. Heidi El Talbakh, Toronto, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Doubles — First Round
Sharon Fichman, Toronto, and Sesil Karatantcheva, Kazakhstan, def. Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, and Edina Gallovits-Hall (7), Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (5).

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EURO 2012

FIRST ROUND

x — clinched quarter-final berth

GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Czech Rep.	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
x-Greece	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Russia	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
Poland	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GP	GA	Pt
x-Germany	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
x-Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Denmark	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	2	5	0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Spain	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
x-Italy	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Croatia	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Ireland	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-England	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
x-France	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Ukraine	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Sweden	3	1	0	2	5	5	3

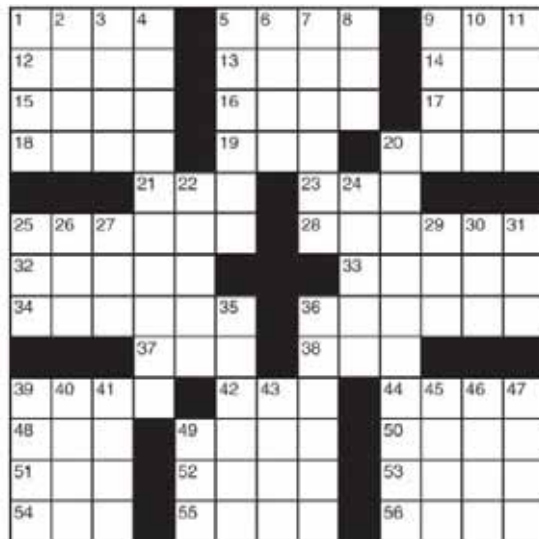
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Across

1 Family member
5 Inclination
9 Bratty sort
12 Stagehands
13 Reed instrument
14 Darin's wife
15 South Seas starch source
16 Sell
17 Part of UNLV
18 At a snail's pace
19 Will Ferrell movie
20 Let off steam
21 That girl
23 Copper head?
25 Convent leader
28 Holy city?
32 Employs
33 Kohoutek, e.g.
34 Rhododendron's kin
36 Secret
37 Type measures
38 Mainlander's memento
39 Cracked slightly
42 Possessed
44 Rockwell's magazine
48 Promptly
49 Ex-frosh
50 Always
51 Links prop
52 — Major
53 Showroom sample

54 Some tracks
55 Track event
56 Oklahoma city
Down
1 Performances
2 Caspian Sea feeder
3 Sleuth Wolfe
4 Bike
5 Lids
6 The third man
7 OK for dieters
8 "Hazel" cartoonist

Key
9 Between jobs
10 Contemptible
11 Nuisance
20 Bike
22 Ruhr city
24 Bowling game
25 "Eureka!"
26 Occupation, colloquially
27 Underwear with underwire
29 Ostrich's cousin
30 East Coast st.
31 Mel of Cooperstown
35 On the beach
36 Trite
39 Initial chip
40 "Piano Man" singer
41 Dumbfounds



43 Basilica section
45 It takes the cake
46 Big rig
47 Stomped (on)

49 Bottom line



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	9	6	8	3	7	1	5	4
1	7	5	2	4	9	6	8	3
3	8	4	5	1	6	2	9	7
4	1	7	9	2	8	3	6	5
5	2	9	6	7	3	8	4	1
6	3	8	4	5	1	7	2	9
7	6	2	3	9	5	4	1	8
9	4	1	7	8	2	5	3	6
8	5	3	1	6	4	9	7	2

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

S O E Z W F W B E C U W Z S O T
D H H S K W , A D J D G V G M M D V W
W B M F D J W W V ' K D - N D C U W C V E C W
K D O V S A W C W A K E F F - F W E T G W V ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY WALL-COVERING
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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Travel and social activities are well starred today and for several days to come, so get up and get at 'em.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will be tempted to splash out on pretty things, both for yourself and as gifts for other people. It's good of you to be so generous but can you really afford it?

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

By all means, make an effort to see things from someone else's point of view but don't go too far and betray your own beliefs.

♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You want to do good deeds for people but don't spend so much time helping strangers that you neglect those you are closest to emotionally.

♊ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

In some people's eyes, you have been a bit too self-obsessed of late. Time to remind them you're a nice guy.

♊ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

People in positions of authority will go out of their way to help you today. This may surprise you considering how difficult they have been in recent weeks but it's not a trick.

♊ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Venus, your ruler, is aligned with Uranus, planet of changes, so if you need to shake things up a bit, you'll find it easy to do so.

♊ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

The intensity of your feelings may surprise you today, but only because you have bottled up your emotions for so long. Something will happen that brings it all out into the open.

♊ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Partnerships generally and affairs of the heart in particular will improve to no end over the next few days.

♊ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Something you took a bit too seriously in the past will no longer worry you. In fact, you'll put it out of your mind for good.

♊ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

No matter how much your creative efforts may have been hindered in the past, you will find it easy to side-step obstructions and do something extraordinary now.

♊ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Try to be a bit more discerning about who you show warmth and regard for. Yes, of course, each soul is precious but you cannot give your heart to everyone. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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